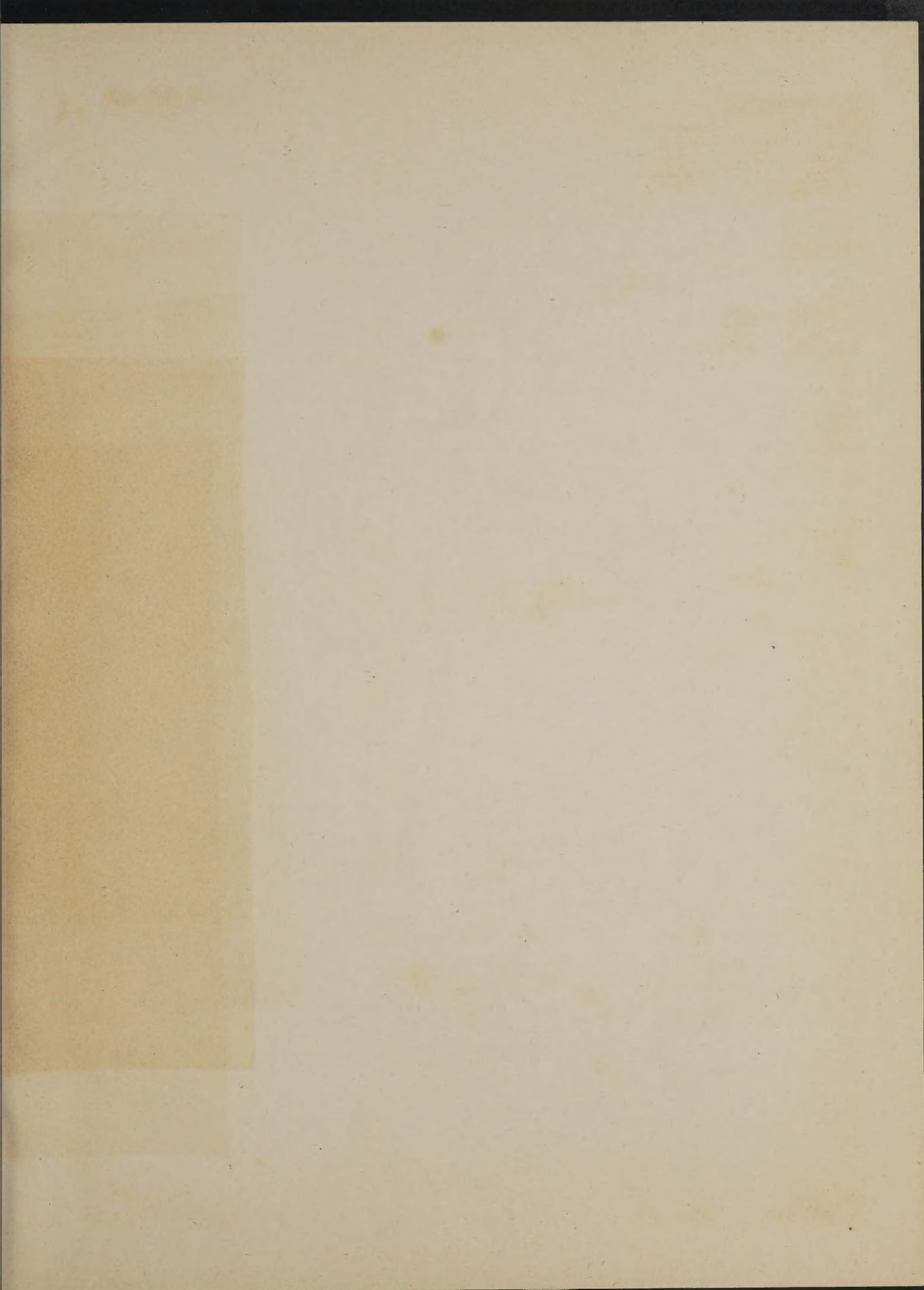
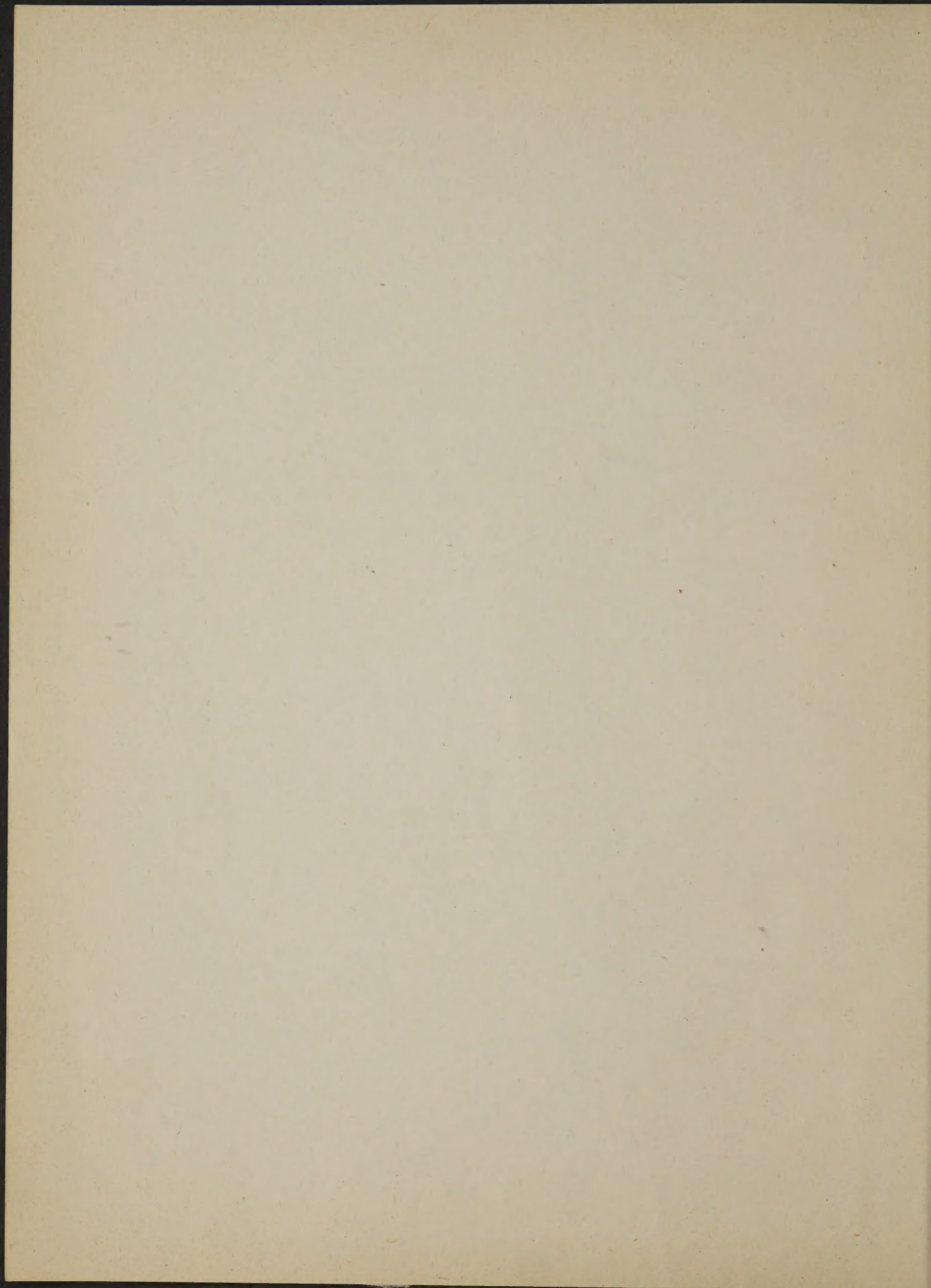


GLADIATOR





THE 1947

GLADIATOR

FOREWORD

We, the Senior Class of 1947, present this volume of the Gladiator in the hope that future classes will continue to do the same. We wish to express thanks to each and everyone who helped make this book of our last memories of our high school days possible.

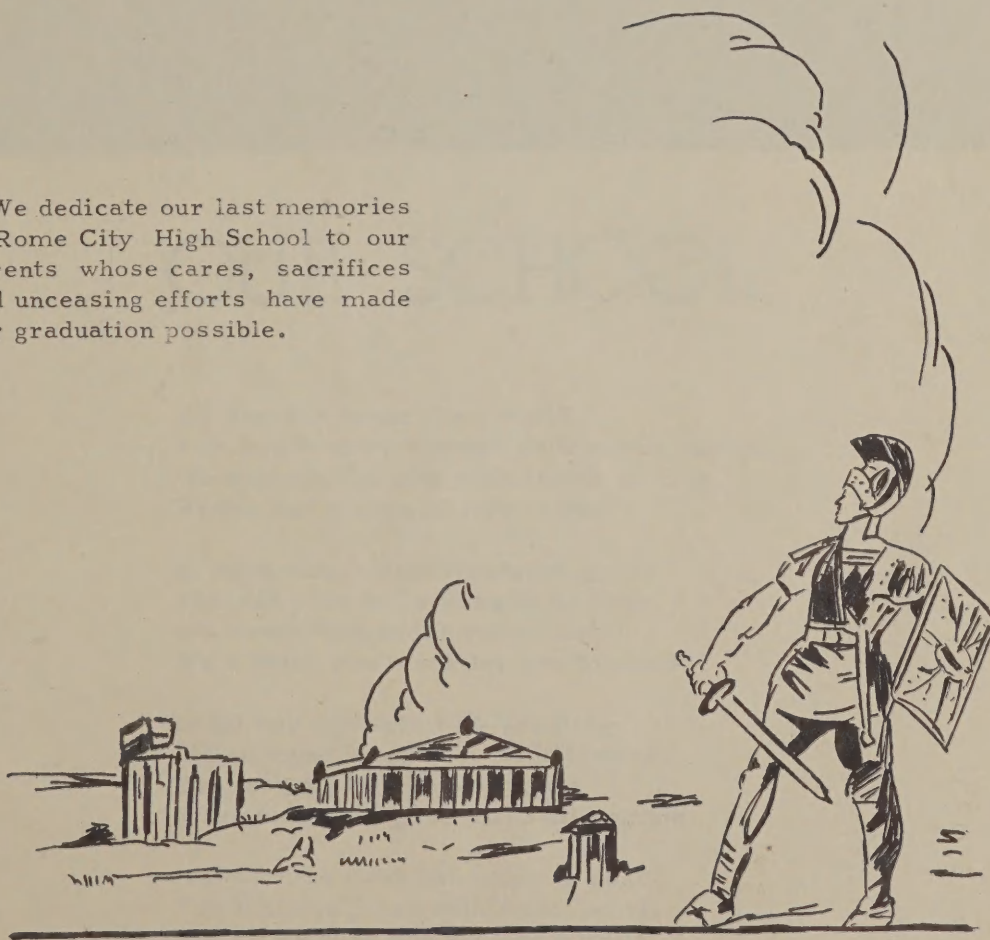
SENIOR CLASS OF 1947

ROME CITY HIGH SCHOOL

ROME CITY, INDIANA

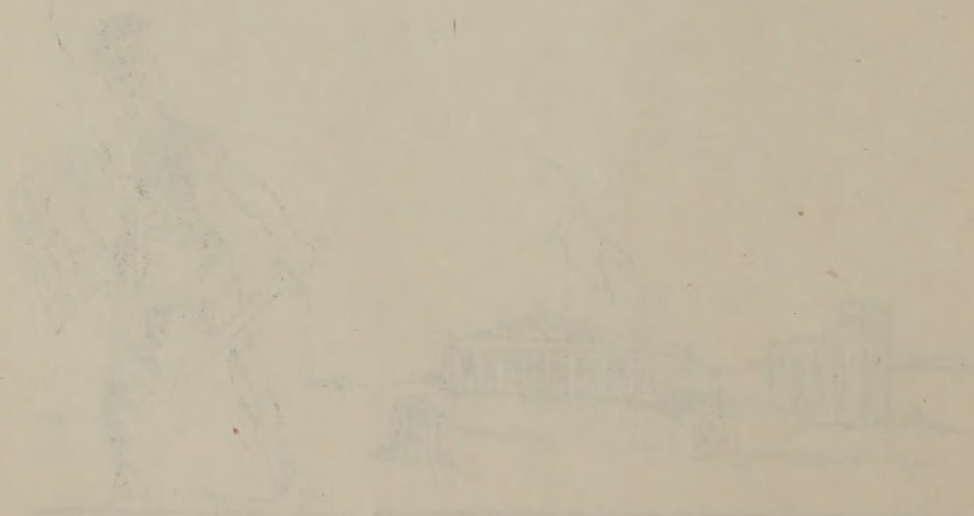
DEDICATION

We dedicate our last memories
of Rome City High School to our
parents whose cares, sacrifices
and unceasing efforts have made
our graduation possible.



DEDICATION

TO THE
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UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO





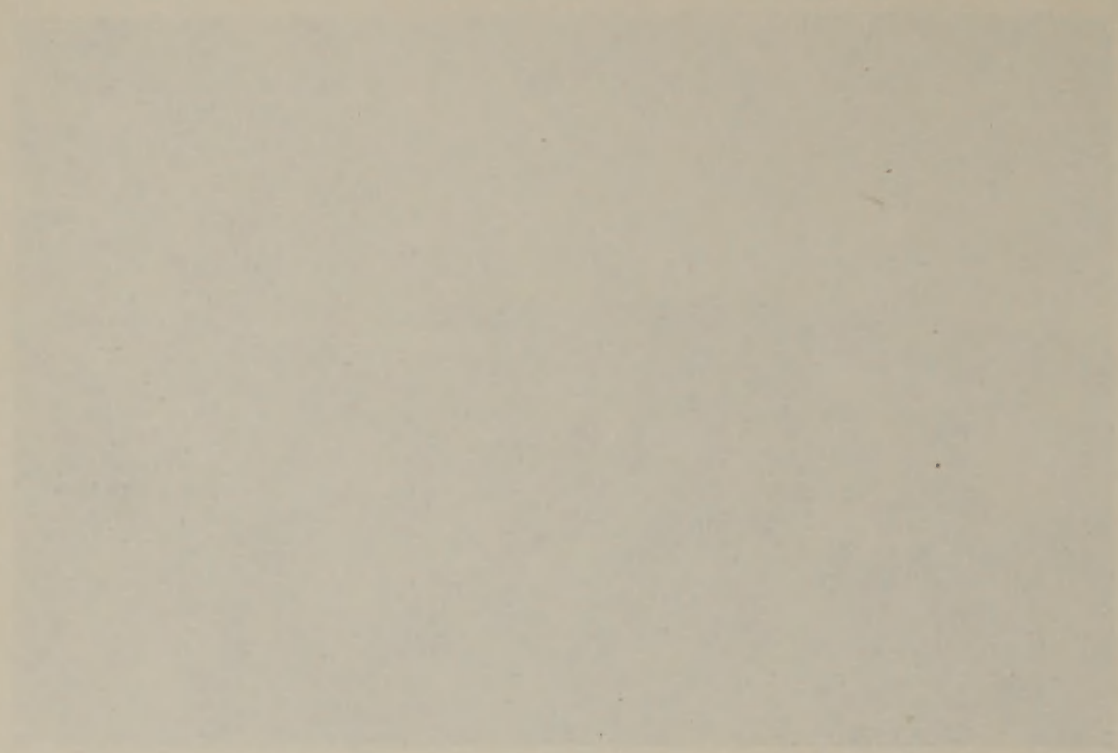
OUR SCHOOL

As Romans in the days of old,
For emperor performed their deeds so bold,
We modern Romans with hearts as true
Renew our pledge of love to you.

In days when we as freshmen green
First in your halls were to be seen,
We vowed that in the future days
We'd bring you much for you to praise.

In all our contacts with you here
We've found much that we hold dear.
The lessons that here we gain
When much has gone will still remain.

And now the time has come to part
You'll find a place within our heart.
And so we wish you all that's well,
And say to you "Hail and farewell".



OUR SCHOOL

The school is a place where the children of the community are brought together to learn and grow. It is a place where the children of the community are brought together to learn and grow.

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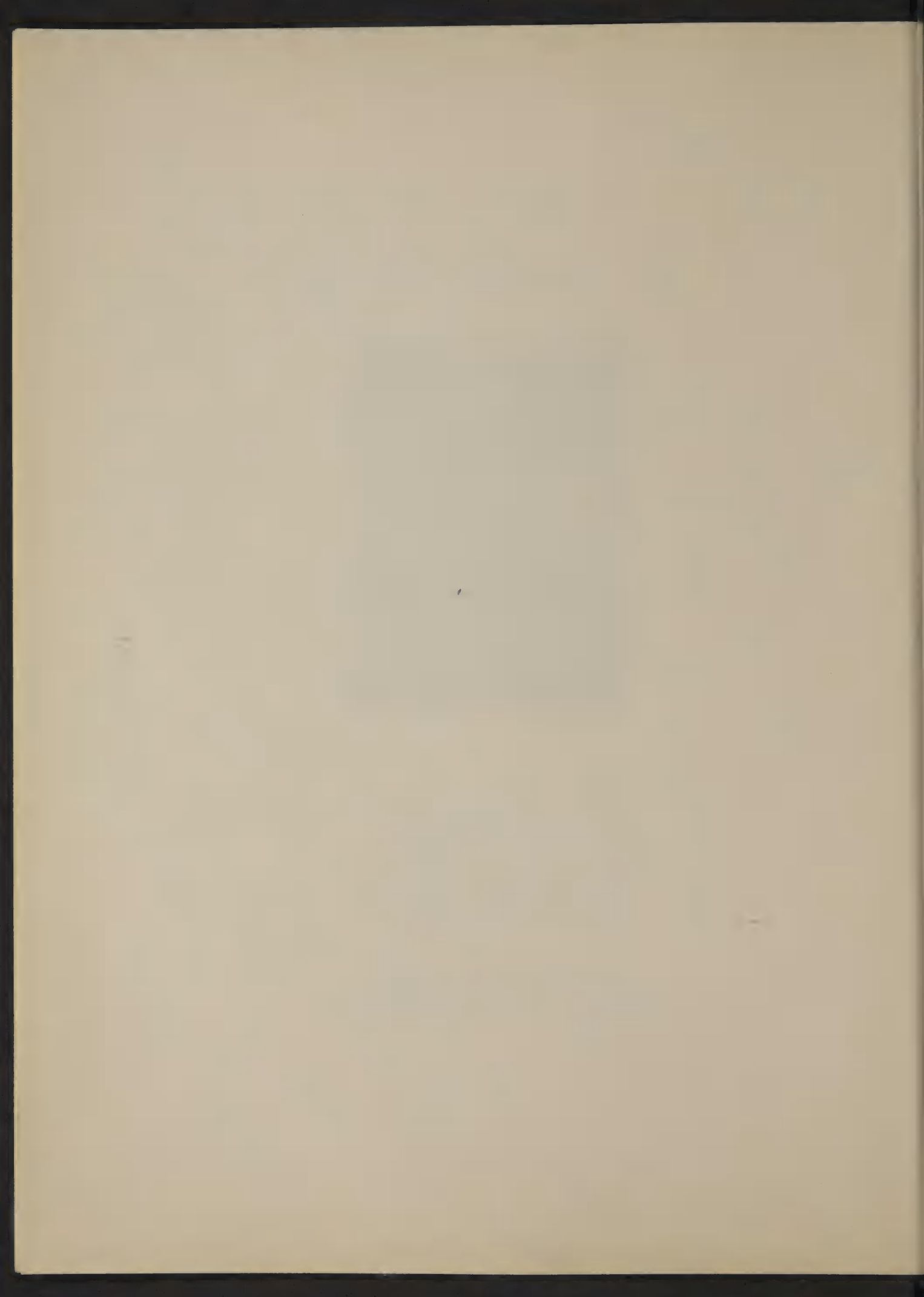
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IN MEMORIAM



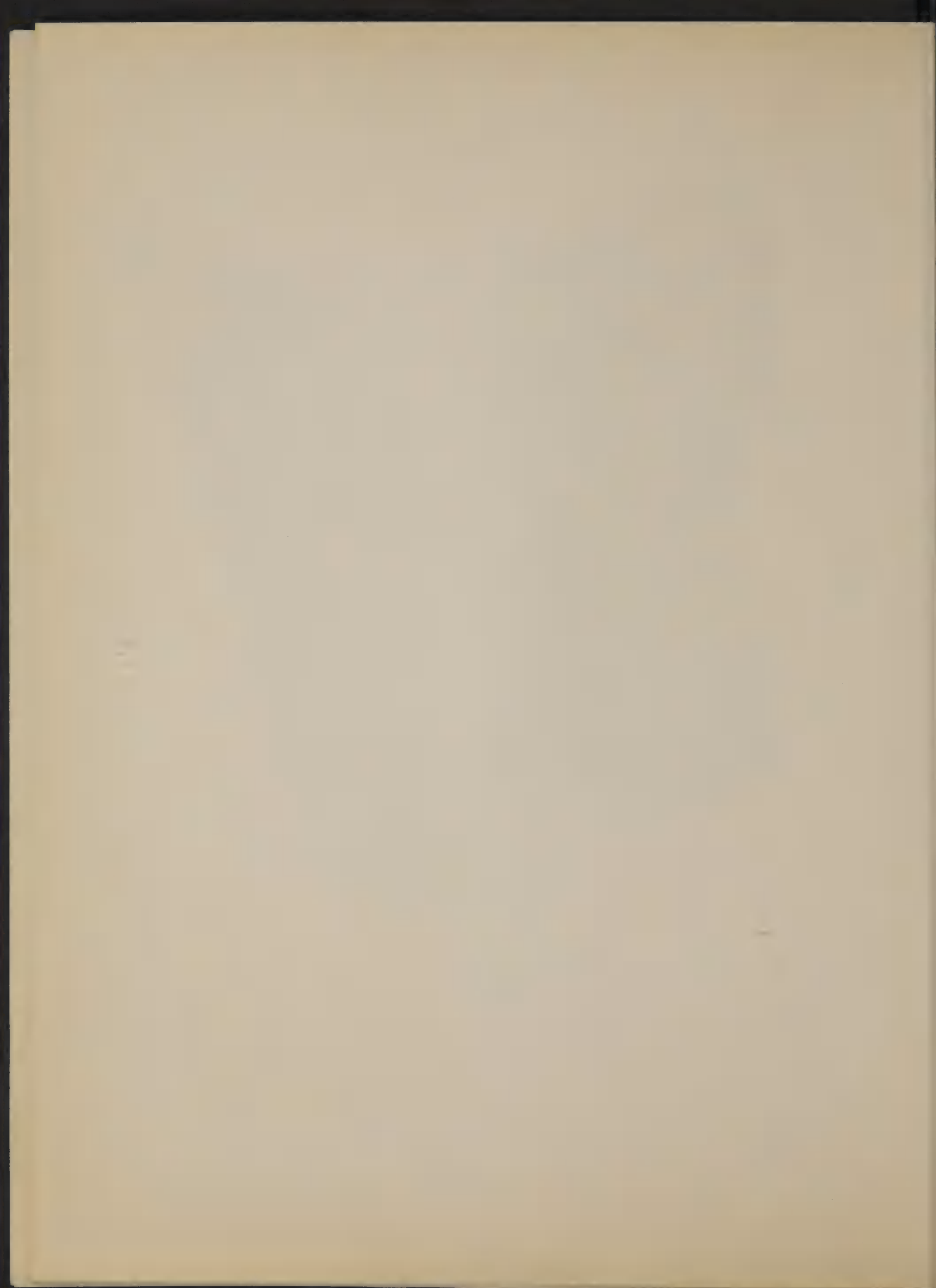
"Home for him, was all for livin'
filled his heart with pride."
"And his doors were ever open
latch strings hung outside."
"Folks who came were always welcome,
loved to have them round."
"Wanted much of joy and laughter,
seemed to love the sound."

In memory of Clinton M. Smith,
Nov. 11, 1887 to Oct. 9, 1946, who
for the past two years taught Physics
and History at Rome City.





F A C U L T Y



ADMINISTRATION



HERMAN J. WARD

Education may be said to be the process of fitting ourselves the better to live a life of usefulness and helpfulness among our fellowman.

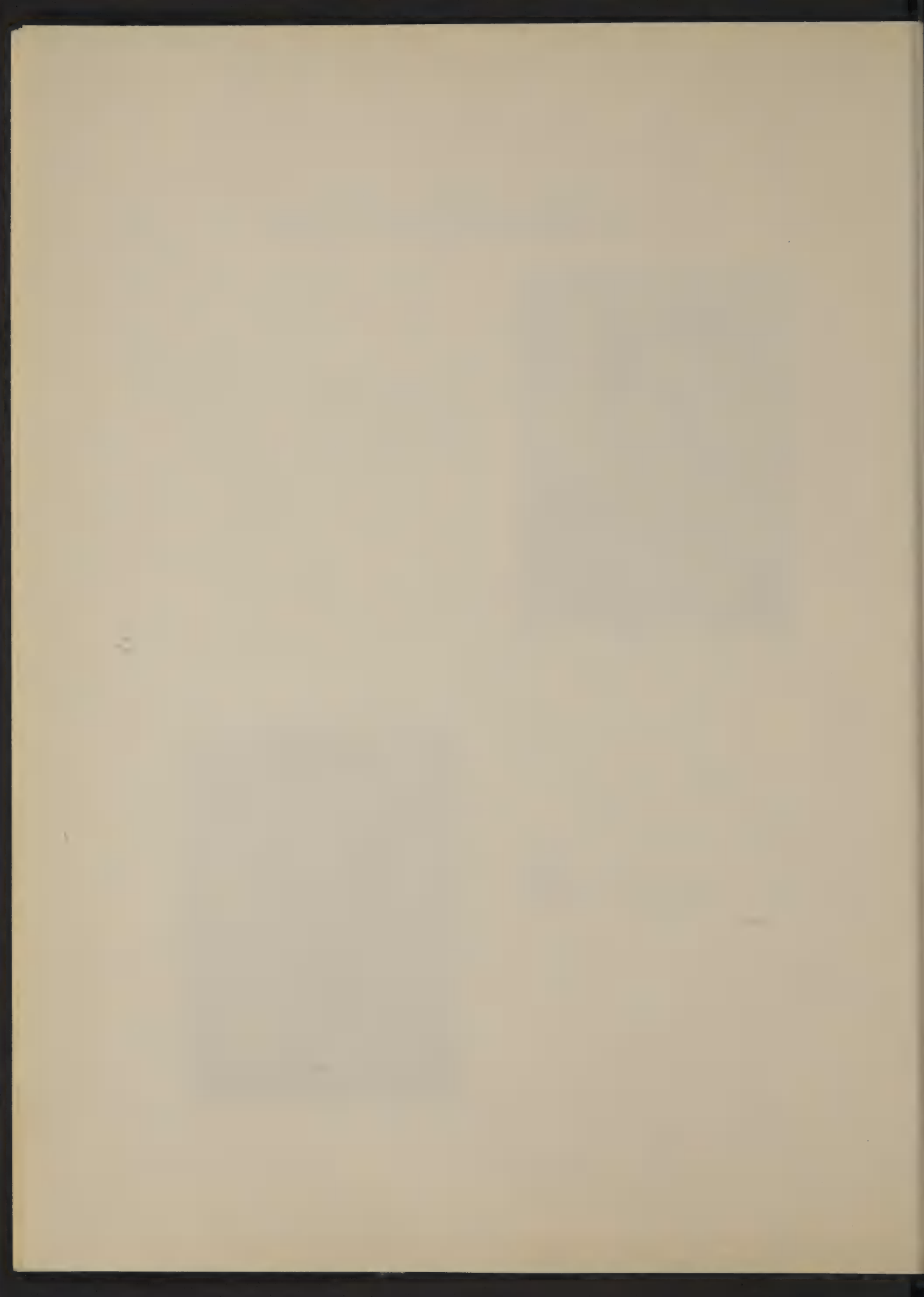
Principal
Science

VERNE PRAY

I am a firm believer in education, and it is my desire to administer the affairs of the township in such a way that it will be possible to maintain a school which will be held in high esteem by the entire community.

Trustee







ROSALEE MOORE
Home Economics; Phys. Ed.



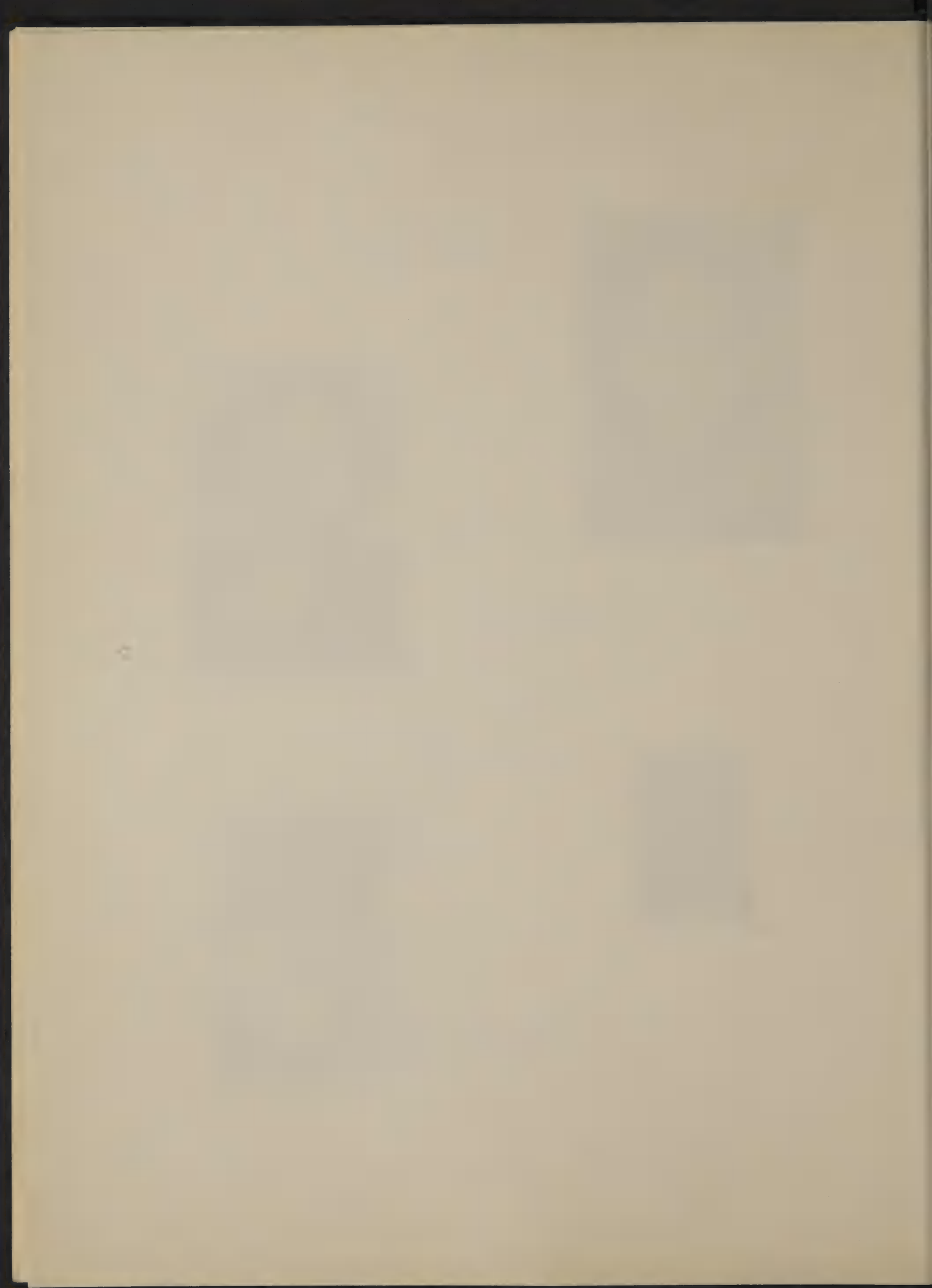
MARY BIGGERSTAFF
English; French; Library



MABEL DeWALD
Mathematics; Phys. Ed.



THELMA EMERSON
English; Social Studies;
Latin





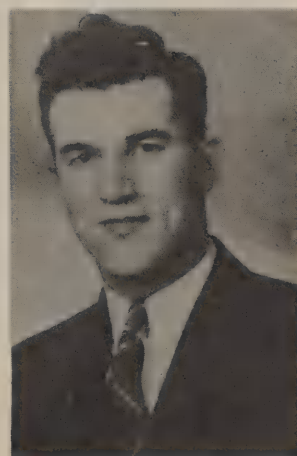
CECIL SMITH
Commerce



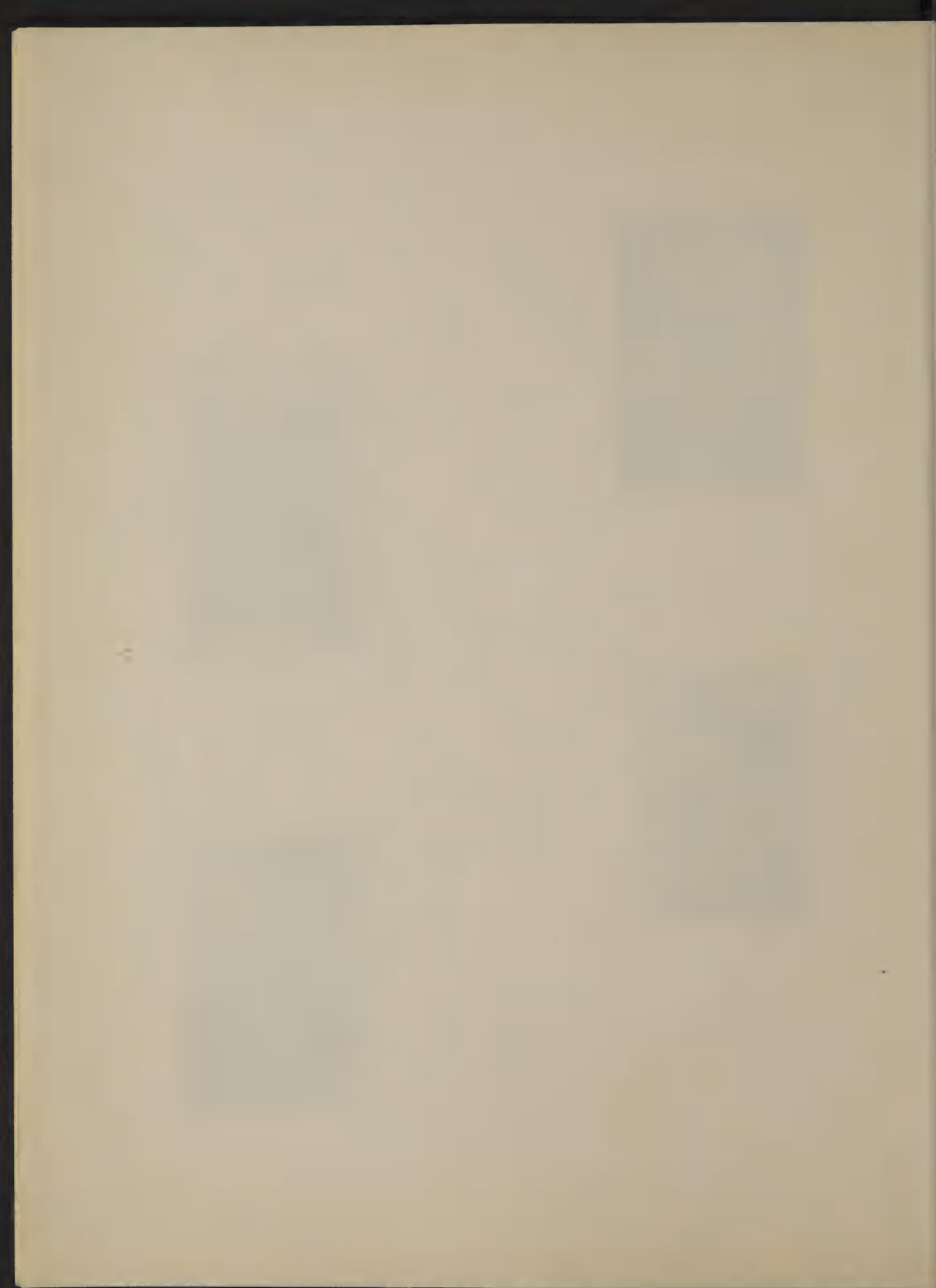
ROBERT BARR
Music; Band; English



ALLEN EMERSON
Agriculture

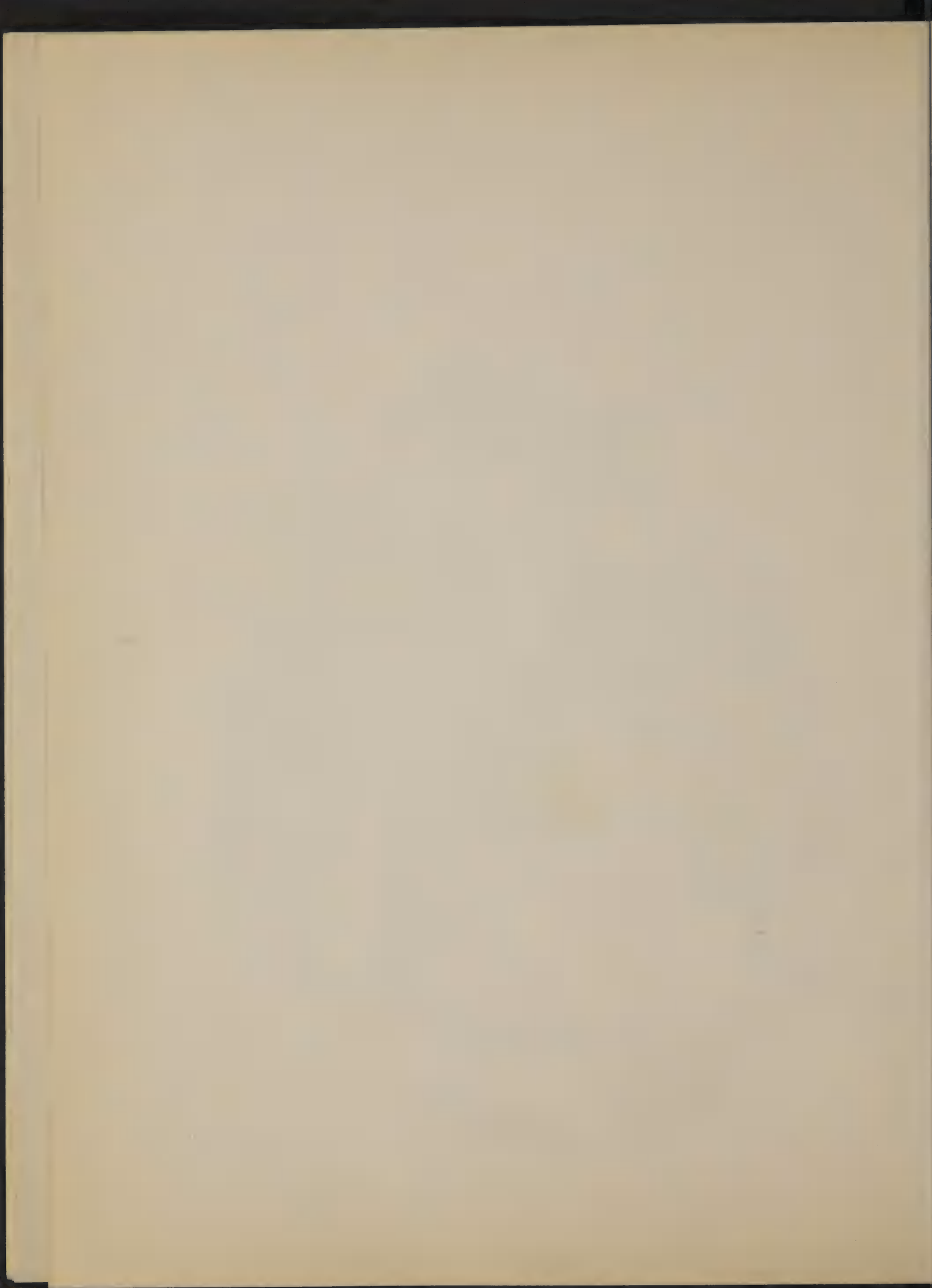


LEE PERRY
Coach; Social Studies
Phys. Ed.





S E N I O R S





HOMER FEIGHTNER
 "As carefree as the
 breeze."
 F.F.A. 4, B.B. 2, 4-H 4, Sr.
 Vice Pres., Jr. Play, Annual



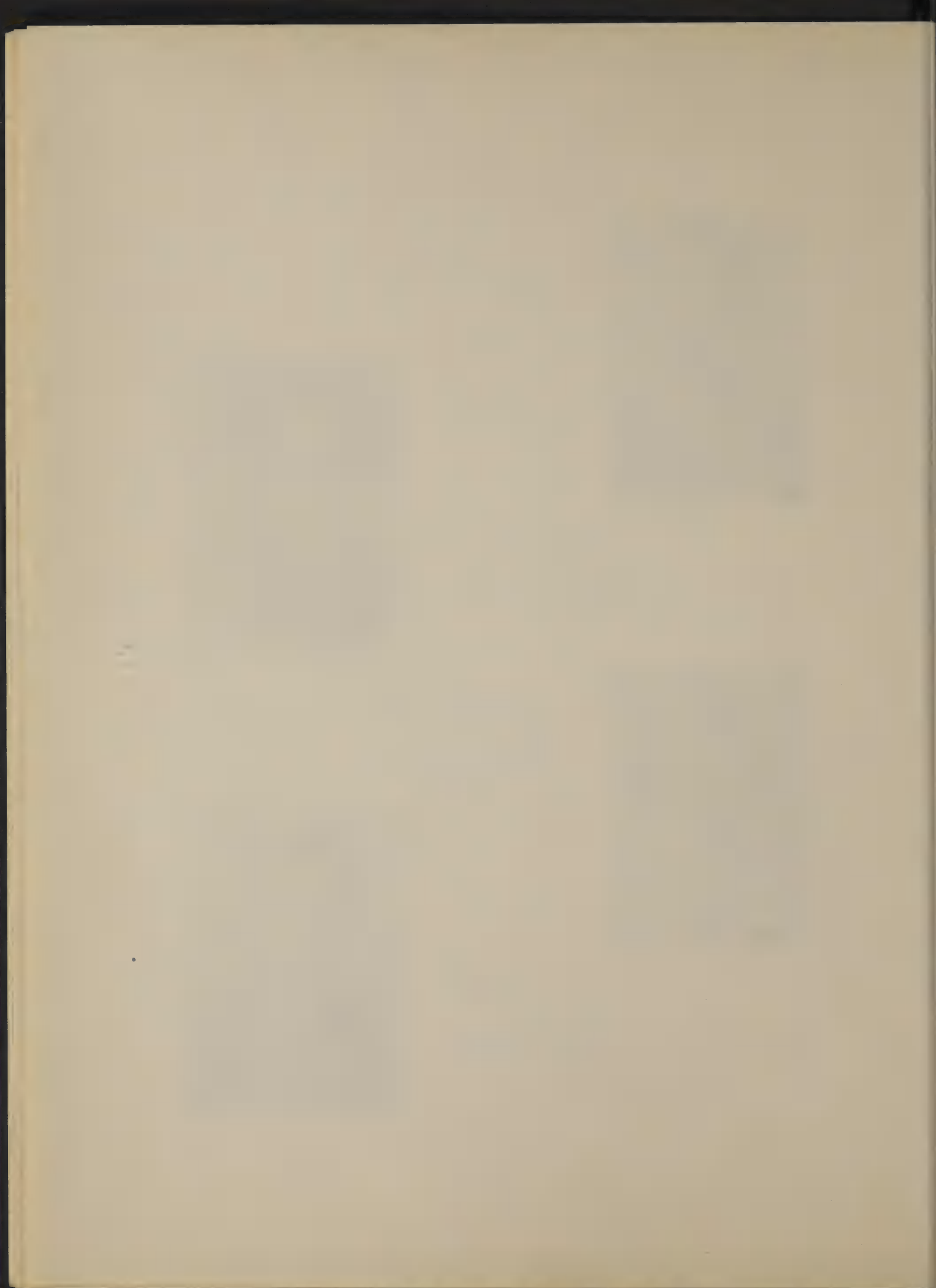
VIRGINIA FRANKS
 "Little acorns grow big
 oaks."
 Keyhole S., Annual S., Y-Teen
 Yell Leader, Baton Twirler
 4, G. Glee Club 4, Choir 4, Jr.
 Play, 4-H.

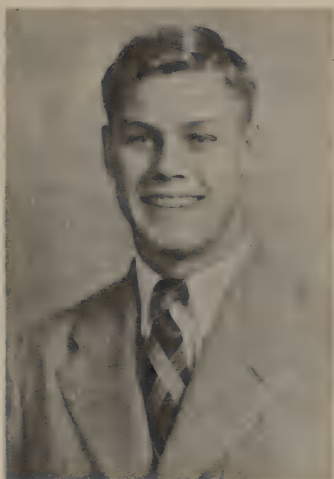


PHYLLIS RACHT
 "Never hurries, always
 late, but she smiles and you
 wait."
 G. Glee Club 3 1/2, Choir 3,
 Y-Teen, Band 1/2, Jr. Play,
 Annual S., Keyhole S.



EDWARD CURETON
 "Ask me no questions, and
 I'll tell you no fibs."
 F.F.A. 2, 4-H 2, Band 4, Jr.
 Play, Annual S, B. B. 2,
 Keyhole S., B. Glee Club,
 Boy Scout.





RICHARD BARKLEY
 "Anything just to be different."
 Choir 4, B. Glee Club, Band 4, Annual S., 4-H 2, Keyhole S. 2, B. B. 3, S.B. 2, Jr. Play.



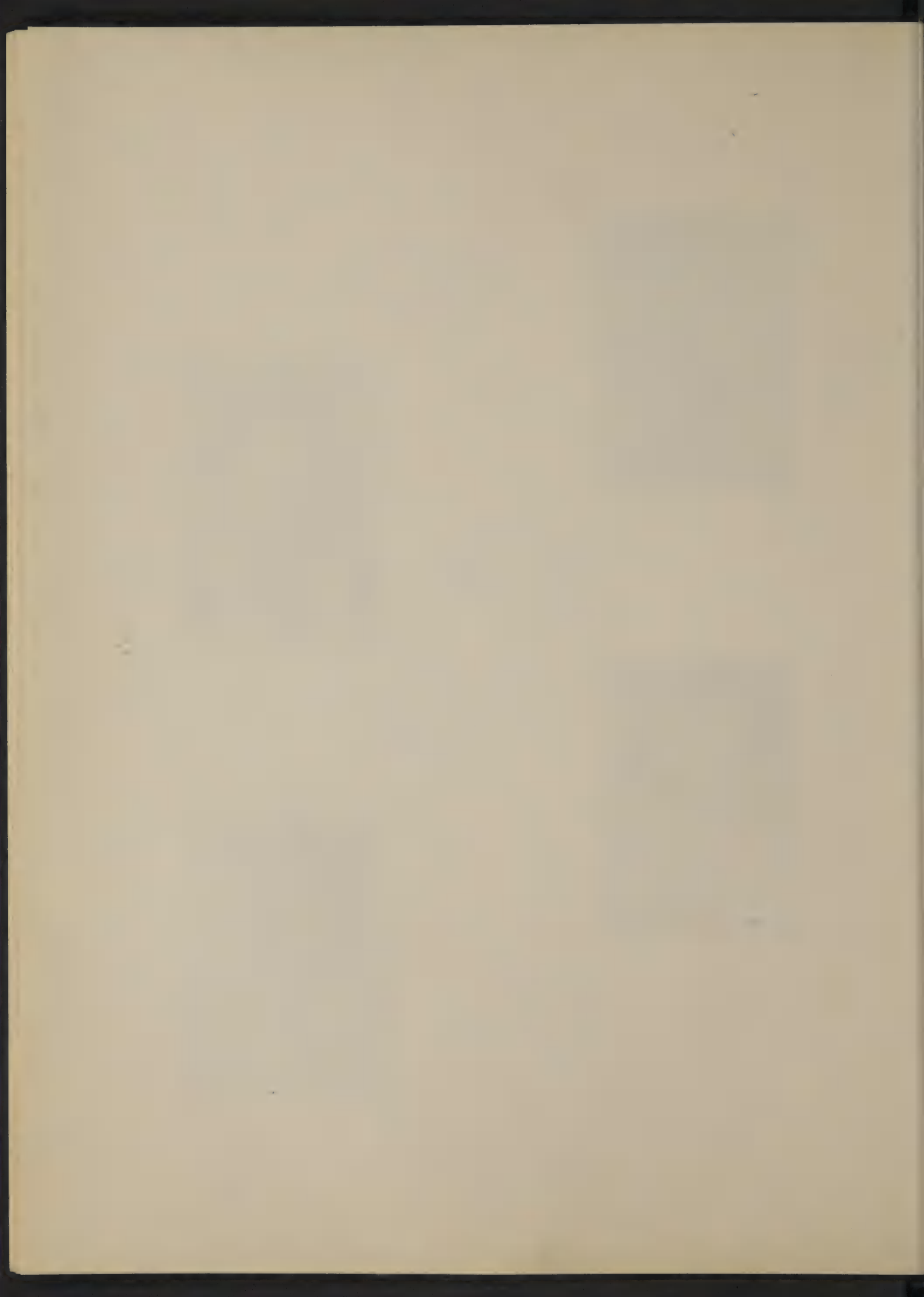
AMY MAY WHETZEL
 "It would be argument for a week, laughter for a month and good jest forever."
 Band 4, G. Glee Club, Choir, Y-Teen, Annual S., S.C., Jr. Play, Keyhole S. 2.

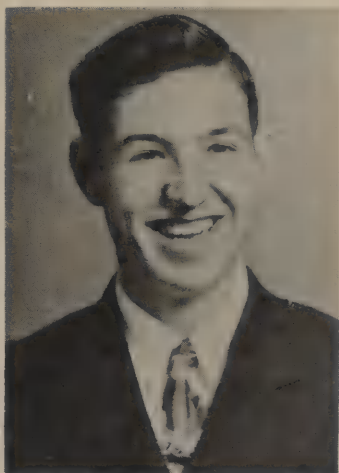


MARY BIDDLE
 "A mighty hunter and her prey was a man."
 Flag Twirler 4, Annual S., Keyhole S., Choir, 4-H 2.



WILLIAM SCHELL
 "I shall be like that tree; I shall die at the top."
 B. B. 4, S. B. 3, Band 4, Choir 4, Quartet 3, B. Glee Club, Annual S., Keyhole S. 2, S. C. 4, Jr. Play.





EVERETT PARDUE

"Happy-go-lucky, fair and free; nothing there is that bothers me."

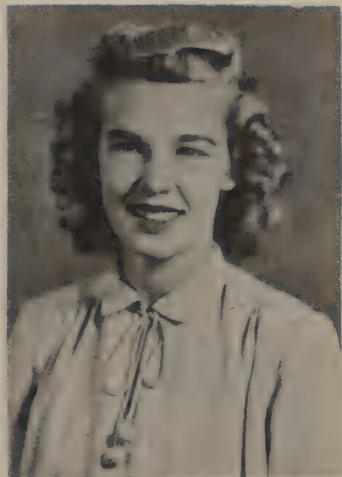
Band 3, Choir 4, Annual S., B. Glee Club 2, Jr. Play, 4-H 2, Boy Scouts 2, S. B. 2.



DONNA STURGIS

"She seems dignified, but wait 'til you know her."

S. C., Sr. Sec. & Treas., Flag Twirler 4, Y-Teen, Jr. Play, Annual S., Keyhole S.



CAROL GABY

"There is music in her feet, as she walks up the stairs."

Band 4, 4-H 4, Y-Teen, Jr. Play, Annual S., Keyhole S., G. Glee Club 4, Quartet 2 1/2, Trio 3, Choir 4.



DONALD TROWBRIDGE

"God made him, therefore let him pass as a man."

Sr. Pres., F.F.A. 4, Jr. Play, S. C., B.B. 2, S. B., Choir 4, 4-H 4, Annual S., Keyhole S., B. Glee Club 2.



SHIRLEY JACOBY

"I am not in the roll of common man."

Band 4, 4-H 2, F. F. A., S. C. 2, S. B. 2, Annual S., Keyhole S., B. Glee Club, Choir.



MARCEDA MUNK

"How far that little candle throw her beam."

Band 4, G. Glee Club 4, S. C., Choir 4, 4-H 4, Annual S., Keyhole S. 2, Jr. Play, Y-Teen, Cornet Trio 2.



ELLEN McCLURE

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a really good person in every way."

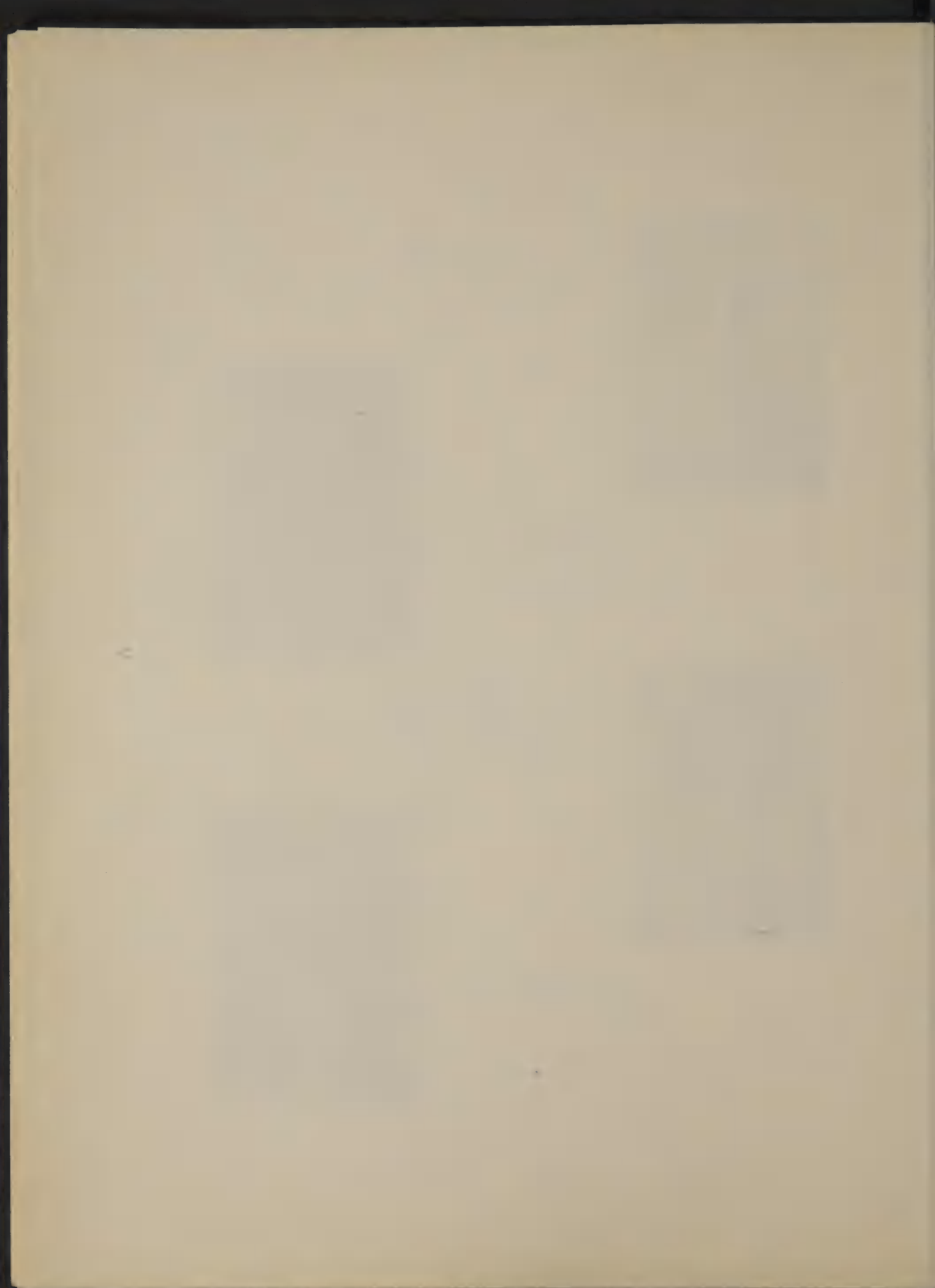
Baton Twirler 4, Y-Teen, Jr. Play, Yell Leader, Annual S., Keyhole S.



GERALD AMERMAN

"To borrow is better than to go without."

F. F. A. 4, 4-H 2, B. B. 2 1/2, Annual S., S. B.



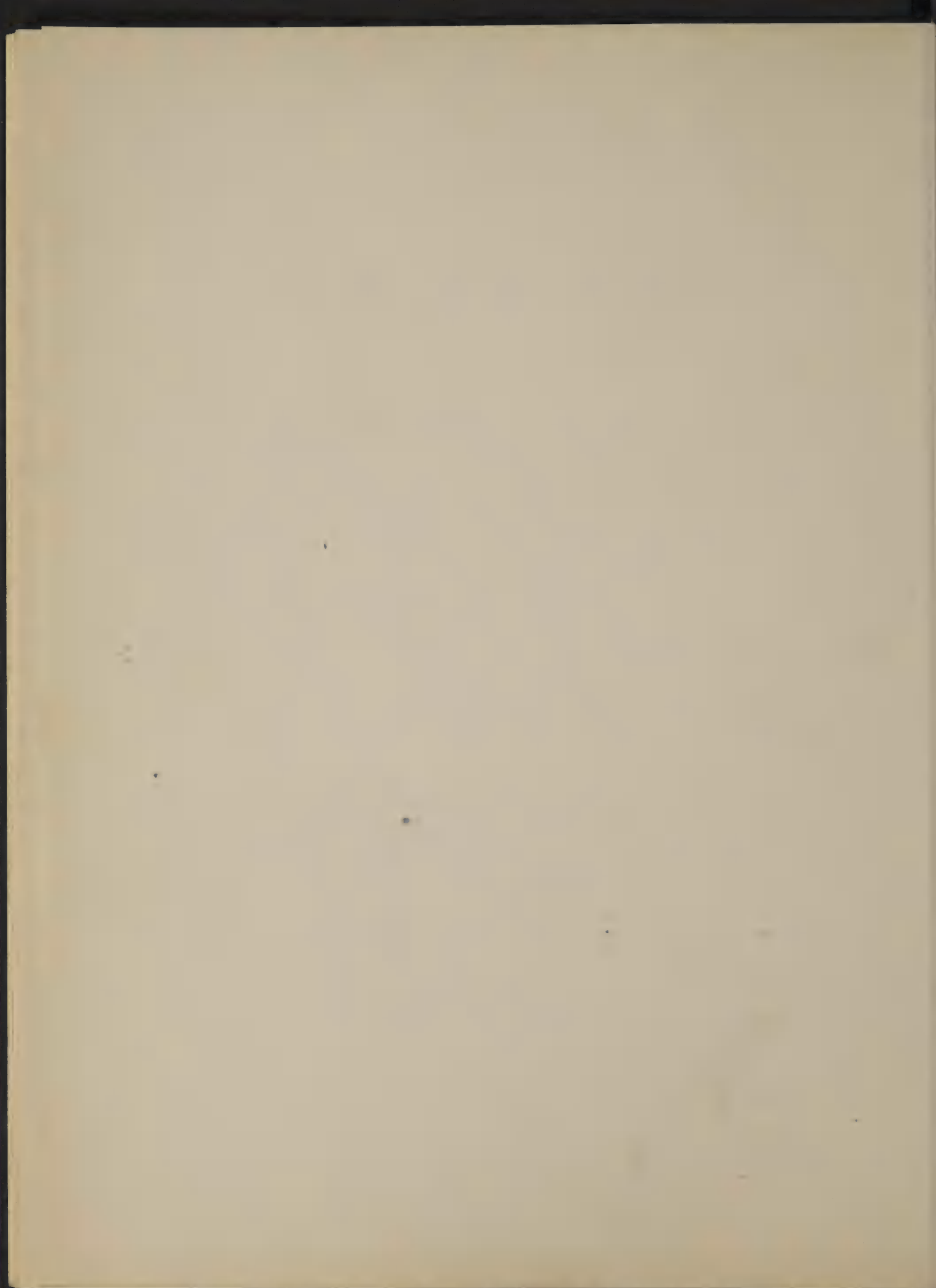
SENIOR HISTORY

Near the beginning of September, 1943, twenty-one uneducated and certainly bewildered freshmen started their high school careers at Rome City High School. They were Gerald Amerman, Richard Barkley, Mary Biddle, Bernard Bushong, Edward Cureton, Homer Feightner, Virginia Franks, Carol Gaby, Beverly Hisey, Shirley Jacoby, Dorothy Jolly, Helen Kitchen, Ellen McClure, Marceda Munk, Everett Pardue, Phyllis Racht, William Schell, Tom Spencer, Donna Sturgis, Donald Trowbridge, and Amy Whetzel. William Schell, Amy Whetzel, and Marceda Munk, were named President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the class respectively. The year went by very smoothly except for initiation. Everyone was given an egg and flour shampoo, a dose of salts, a paddling, and a seat on a nice cool water fountain.

In 1944, the total enrollment of the class had dropped to nineteen, losing Donald Trowbridge and Amy Whetzel to Kendallville. Early in the fall a class meeting was called and officers elected were William Schell, Shirley Jacoby, and Richard Barkley. Class colors, black and white, were chosen and class sweaters and rings were ordered. Donald Trowbridge and Amy Whetzel were back by Christmas with Duane Cutler from Brighton, but Tom Spencer withdrew from school to bring the total to twenty. In October the annual Sophomore Carnival was given in the form of an Amateur Contest and was termed a great success. Near the end of the school year the rings and sweaters arrived.

1945 saw the class as Jolly Juniors, losing Bernard Bushong to the Navy but gaining Joan Windle from Warsaw. Duane Cutler left for Arcola. At Christmas Beverly Hisey withdrew from school and Joan Windle transferred to Kendallville. The Junior Play, "She's A Soldier's Sweetheart", was presented October 19, 1945 and was received very well by the public both in praise and in cash receipts. William Schell, Donald Trowbridge, and Amy Whetzel were the elected officials for the year.

September 1946 started the seventeen Seniors on the last lap in the race for high school diplomas, having lost Helen Kitchen who withdrew during summer vacation. Class officers were elected and were Donald Trowbridge-President, Homer Feightner-Vice President, and Donna Sturgis-Secretary and Treasurer. Dorothy Jolly was married Thanksgiving, so the total Seniors dropped to sixteen. In January work was begun on the "Gladiator". The Seniors planned a trip to Detroit to be taken in May. The Seniors Play was selected, "Galloping Ghosts", which was presented April 18. Baccalaureate was April 27, 1947 and Commencement May 1.



SENIOR WILL

We, the Senior Class of Rome City High School, Orange Township, Noble County, State of Indiana in these United States, do hereby declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

Item I: After all damage suits, debts, etc are paid, all remaining cash shall go to Rome City High School to be placed as a down payment on a new assembly clock.

Item II: We leave our seats in the assembly, teachers, any paper left in the typing room and the crystal ball used in making the prophecy, to our successors, the class of "48".

Item III: Individually, we give the following qualities, abilities, or personal assest: (First) I, Gerald Amerman, will my brains to Red Conley, my ability to be true to one girl to Bob Sleeper, and my good looks to Chuck Rabbitt. (Second) I, Virginia Franks, will my place in band as a majorette to Dotty Ramer, and to Joyce Schwarz my nail chewing, may she have more luck growing them than I did. (Third) I, Richard Barkley, bequeath all following liabilities to persons named. To Ed L. goes the honorable title of "Dick" as editor, also my ability to touch the rim of the basket. To Al P. my ability to get along with girls and teachers. May he not get slapped or expelled too many times. To Kenny Ryan goes my ability to stick up for someone other than himself. May he not get beaten up too many times. Kenny R. also asked for some of my harem. (Fourth) I, Ellen McClure, will my place in the band as majorette to Donna Murphy, may she have as much fun as I have had. To June Frederick I will my ability to keep calm at the wrestling matches. (Fifth) I, Mary Biddle, will my ability to be true to one guy to Sally Donat, may she not sit home as many nights as I have. My ability to get to school on Monday noon to Honey Jean Shelvis, may she catch up on as much sleep as I have. (Sixth) I, Bill Schell, in sound mind and judgment bequeath my ability to be on time every morning, in spite of the distance we live from school, to my sister, and to Jerry Racht I give my seat in band. All other merits (?) I give to the class of "48" to dispose of as they see fit. (Seventh) I, Everett Pardue, will my height to Joyce Schwarz and my way with women to Max Rhea. I also will my spare time in the assembly to June Schell. (Eighth) I, Shirley Jacoby, will my power and ability to get along with Mrs. DeWald to Ivan Malone. I hope he can make better use of it than I have. Also I will my wavy hair to Ralph Knott. (Ninth) I, Don Trowbridge, will my ability to be true to one girl to Red Conley, I will my pin ball machine ability to Katie Hulen, may she win as many free games as I have. I will my hobby of collecting pencils to Melvin Marshall. I will my ability to play a clean game of basketball to Jerry Racht as he is already following my foot steps in that line. (Tenth) I, Sonny Feightner will to my brother my ability to get along with women, and my ability to run through the halls to Paul Hosted and Jack Edmonds. My safe driving I will to Bob Browning. (Eleventh) I, Phyllis Racht, will my even temper and good disposition to my brother and hope it will do him more good than it did me. (Twelfth) I, Amy Whetzel, will my ability to go steady with one man "ONLY" to Betty Treesh and may her future look as bright as mine. To Virgil M. I will my ability to keep our of mischief. (Thirteenth) I, Marceda Munk, will my ability to go with one man to Alice Krotzer and Mary Jo Growcock. May they have as happy a life as I have had. I also will my chair in band to Wayne Shull. To Paul Hosted goes my ability to get along with his brother, may he be as successful as I. (Fourteenth) I, Donna Sturgis, will my position as the Flag Twirlers Captain to

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Senior Will (Continued)

Edith Cook and my typing ability to Pat Bowder. Also I will my ability to get along with the teachers to Red Conley. May he do as well as I have. (Fifteenth) I, Carol Gaby will my place in the men's quartet to Jon Baker, may he be a better man than I. I will my ability to get typing budgets and home project papers in at the last minute to Roberta Eckhart and Doris Donat. (Sixteenth) I, Edward Cureton, will all personal assets to persons named hoping their outcome on life will be as bright as mine. My ability to crack jokes I will to Mr. C. C. Smith and typing to Ed Sattler.

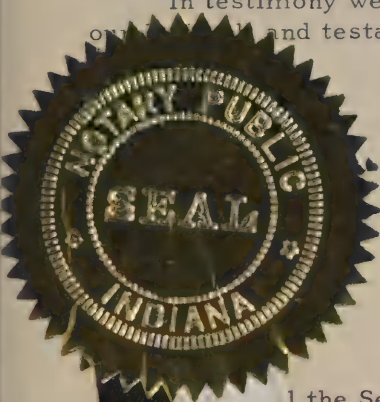
Item IV: As an additional asset we the Advanced Typing Class will to the typing class of "48" the ability to get the school paper out on time, and quiet and innocent behavior in the typing room. We, the Senior band members will to all the band members the ability to go to band on time so Mr. Barr won't have to come up to the assembly.

Item V: We hereby constitute and appoint our principal, Mr. H. J. Ward as executor of this will.

In testimony we, the Class of Nineteen Hundred Forty-Seven, declare this to be our will and testament on this fifteenth day of January, Nineteen Hundred and For-

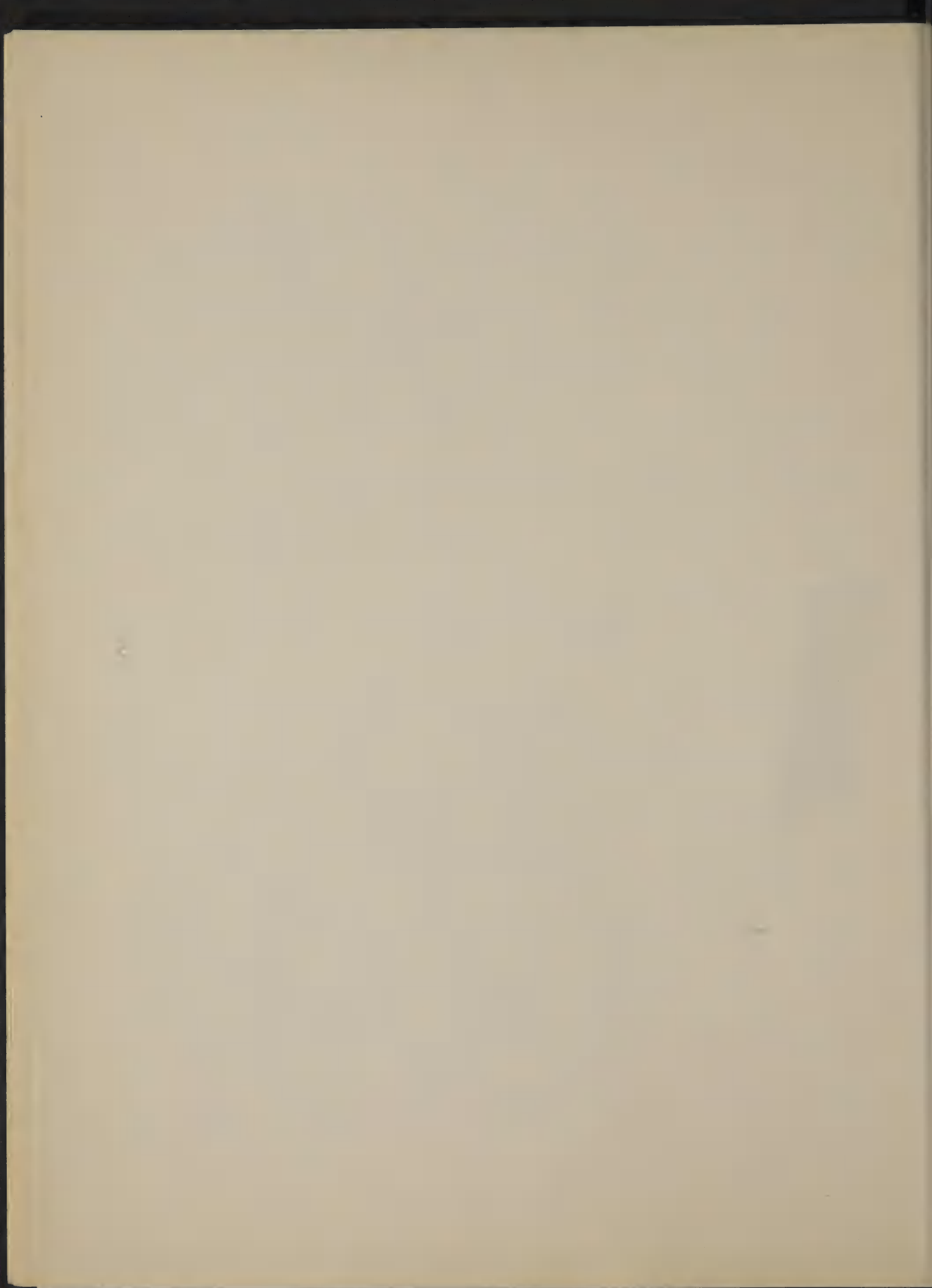
Don Trowbridge President
Donna Sturgis Secretary

PROPHECY



the Seniors of 1947 be doing ten years from graduation. Most of them late twenties then and should be started on their life work or professional crystal ball prediction of 1957.--Edward (Ted) Cureton will join the Navy for more education while there, then see the world on a tour, planned by Uncle Sam, then return to civilian life and help factories sell on foreign markets with the aid of foreign ports.--Carol Gaby will go to nursing school to prepare for air-hostess work but after three years of college life will marry a fellow medical student whose name I can't clearly see in the crystal ball.-- Bill Schell will go to college at Indiana and major in bookkeeping and accounting. He will graduate and marry a rich co-ed and work for her father in his large department store in Chicago.--- Gerald Amerman will marry Bonnie and live happily ever after. He will help his brother and father with the farm for awhile then work in a garage but later decides to open his own garage in Kendallville.--Marceda Munk will marry Hop after he returns and help Hop's father with the farm for a few years. Then they will buy their own dairy farm near Albion and raise prize Holsteins. They will have a herd of twenty-three.--- Homer Feightner will take a job at Iron Sales in Kendallville and sell and repair farm machinery. He and his father will later buy a large farm which they will farm together and Homer will still work for Iron Sales, though only as an advisor.--Don Trowbridge will start working at Kendallville Foundry and because of his excellent training at R. C., will quickly advance to foreman and then to supervisor. He will marry Katie and they will buy the Hoosier Grill and she will manage it and he will eat all his meals there, on the cuff.--Dick Barkley will go in with his father to buy the Standard Service Station in R. C. Dick will handle the gasoline, accessories, and used car sales and his father the

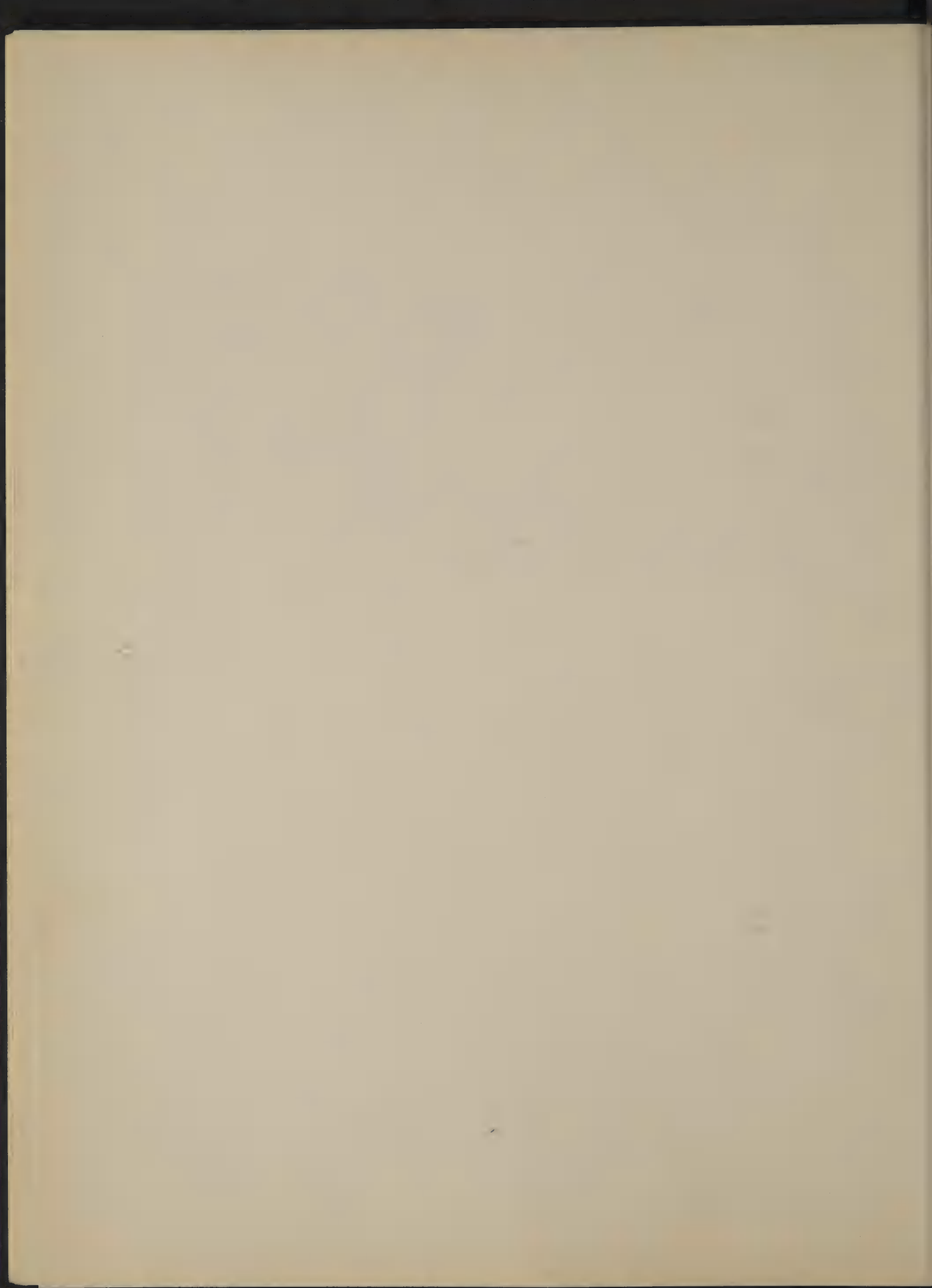
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Prophecy (Con.)

mechanical end. Later he will sell out to his brother and go to I. U. and major in Business Administration, then return to R. C. to enlarge the business and create the largest, most efficient Super Service Station in Northern Indiana.--Donna Sturgis and Amy Whetzel will enter Fort Wayne Business College to become stenographers or secretaries, however, Amy won't stay in over a year as church bells will beckon her to another profession. She will marry a farmer and help him figure his income tax. Donna will finish her schooling in Fort Wayne but soon after graduation will marry an ex-soldier who will manage a fleet of laundry trucks in Kendallville.--Ellen McClure will stay at home for awhile then marry some bird from Fort Wayne.--Phyllis Racht will work, for a short time in a restaurant, but will soon quit to become Mrs. Verne Leatherman.--Virginia Franks will work at Frick's Grocery but will soon marry Louie and settle in Wolcottville.--Mary Biddle will work in Fort Wayne while taking college courses, then will go into a partnership and start a dress shop.--Everett Pardue will continue his drum study and play with several bands in or around Fort Wayne. - Shirley Jacoby will secure a position in Detroit but soon tire of city life and return to Brimfield. He will, of course, bring Gerry back with him.

If this prophecy doesn't hold true don't blame me, maybe the crystal ball is cracked.



THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

NAME	NICKNAME	LIKES	DISLIKES
Gerald Amerman	"Dizz"	Bonnie	False Teeth
Richard Barkley	"Dick"	Good Food	Bad Food
Mary Biddle	"Bid"	Brunettes	Saturday Nite Dates
Edward Cureton	"Ted"	Kerr	Dignified People
Homer Feightner	"Sonny"	Women	Bookkeeping
Virginia Franks	"Did"	Louie	To Get In Early
Carol Gaby	"Gabby"	Music	Conceited People
Shirley Jacoby	"Jake"	Gerry	Parties
Ellen McClure	"Jughead"	Brunettes	Staying home nites
Marceda Munk	"Seed"	Hop	Onions
Everett Pardue	"Stinky"	Dad's Ford	Wreckless Drivers
Phyllis Racht	"Phil"	Argue	Nosey People
William Schell	"Bill"	Basketball	Crowds
Donna Sturgis	"Sturg"	Skating	Work
Donald Trowbridge	"Trees"	Katie	Studying
Amy Whetzel	"Baldy"	Dean	State Cops

SENIOR'S FAVORITE SONGS

Gerald Amerman	"Ole Buttermilk Sky"
Richard Barkley	"In Love In Vain"
Mary Biddle	"Five Minutes More"
Edward Cureton	"Gal In Calico"
Homer Feightner	"Sooner Or Later"
Virginia Franks	"All By Myself"
Carol Gaby	"Indian Summer"
Shirley Jacoby	"Somewhere In Old Wyoming"
Ellen McClure	"Sentimental Reasons"
Marceda Munk	"Always"
Everett Pardue	"I Love An Old Fashioned Song"
Phyllis Racht	"Somewhere In The Night"
William Schell	"Seems Like Old Times"
Donna Sturgis	"Sentimental Reasons"
Donald Trowbridge	"Sonner Or Later"
Amy Whetzel	"For You, For Me, For Evermore"





UNDERGRADS



JUNIORS



First Row-June Frederick; Honey Jean Shelvis; Alice Krotzer; Alice Krotzer; Roberta Eckhart; Betty Knott; Donna Murphy; Marjorie Snooks; Joyce Schwarz. Second Row-Betty Treesh; Sally Donat; Patricia Bowser; Edith Cook; June Schell; Katherine Hulen; Alvin Potee; Mary Jo Growcock; Doris Donat; Ivan Malone; Robert Browning; Edward Sattler; Paul Hosted; Jack Edmonds; Robert Conley; Kenneth Ryan.

The Junior Class of Rome City High School on October 18th, presented, "The Angell Brats", a comedy in three acts. The Juniors enjoyed working on this play to make it a success. The enrollment of the class this year is twenty-five. The class colors are red and white. The Juniors have received their long-awaited rings and are very proud of them. They are gold with R. C. High School on the top, 1948, and the two initials on the outside. We hope there won't be any more students drop out of our class this year or next because we are looking forward to a large graduation class in '48.



SOPHOMORES



First Row-Cora Tomlin; Hope DeRemer; Anita Flint; Retta Hulen; Esther Lehman; Loris Smith; Catherine Spillner; Betty Kimmel. Second Row-Jack Smith; Wayne Shull; Robert Sleeper; Theodore Widdeman; Max Rhea; Melvin Marshall; Richard Rabbitt. Third Row-Jon Baker; Jerry Racht; Russel Ramer; Max Miller; Jay Criswell; Claude Hoffman; John Biddle.

The Sophomore Carnival was held in the Community Building on October 30, 1946. The Sophomores were assisted by Mr. Perry and Mrs. DeWald. They raffled off a fifteen pound ham and a ten dollar permanent wave. Bingo, baseball, basketball, darts, a fish pond, a fortune teller, lunch and a large auction of hard to get articles furnished much enjoyment and entertainment. Best of all were the net proceeds, \$204.69.



FRESHMEN



First Row-Detty Snook; Inez Cook; Marlowe Blough; Forest Feightner; Richard Taylor; Larry Van Aman; Jack Glass. Second Row - Beverly Stenner; Joan Julian; Alta Moore; Virginia Sedgwick; Rosemary Savone; Delores Manning; Bernard Chapman. Third Row-Lynn Van Aman; Virgil Hiatt; John Chapman; Ralph Knott; James Fips; Donald Havert; Richard Van Wayner.

The officers of our class this year are as follows:	
Lynn Van Aman	President
Bernard Chapman	Vice President
John Chapman	Sec. & Treas.
Pat Speakman	Reporter
Delores Manning, Ralph Knott	
Virginia Sedgwick	Student Council

We were given the usual procedure of entering high school by initiation. We wore our clothes wrong side out and backwards. The girls wore their hair in six pigtails, and the boys parted theirs in the middle. Our sponsor is Mr. Smith, and we like him very much. We have twenty-two members in our class this year, and we hope to have twenty-two at graduation.





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First Row-Mary Ann Patterson; Beatrice Kimmel; Mary Jane Hisey; Donna Rowe; DeWayne Stewart; Jack Ward; Warren Hague. Second Row-Shirley Wilson; Marjorie Oxley; Jean Emerson; Dorothy Ramer; Berdina Sleeper; Beverly Latham; Delores Prickett; Marie Ross. Third Row- Tony Adams; George Fippi; Robert Sedgwick; Dean Criswell; Russell Likes; Donald Spillner; Donald Forman.



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First Row-Richard Conley; Sally Taylor; Patricia Rowe; June Spillner; Sheila Chapman; Robert Growcock; Charles Stanley; Donald Hastreiter; Gerald Shull. Second Row-Patricia Kilgore; Emma Trowbridge; Phyllis Sparrow; Pauline Hass; Jane Gross; Betty Likes; Patsy Cook; Josephine DeRemer. Third Row-Harriet Sue Harp; Phyllis Kitchen; Donna Manning; Edward Everley; Dennis Sowers; Robert Bloomfield; Donald Knott; Robert Trowbridge; Robert Frederick.





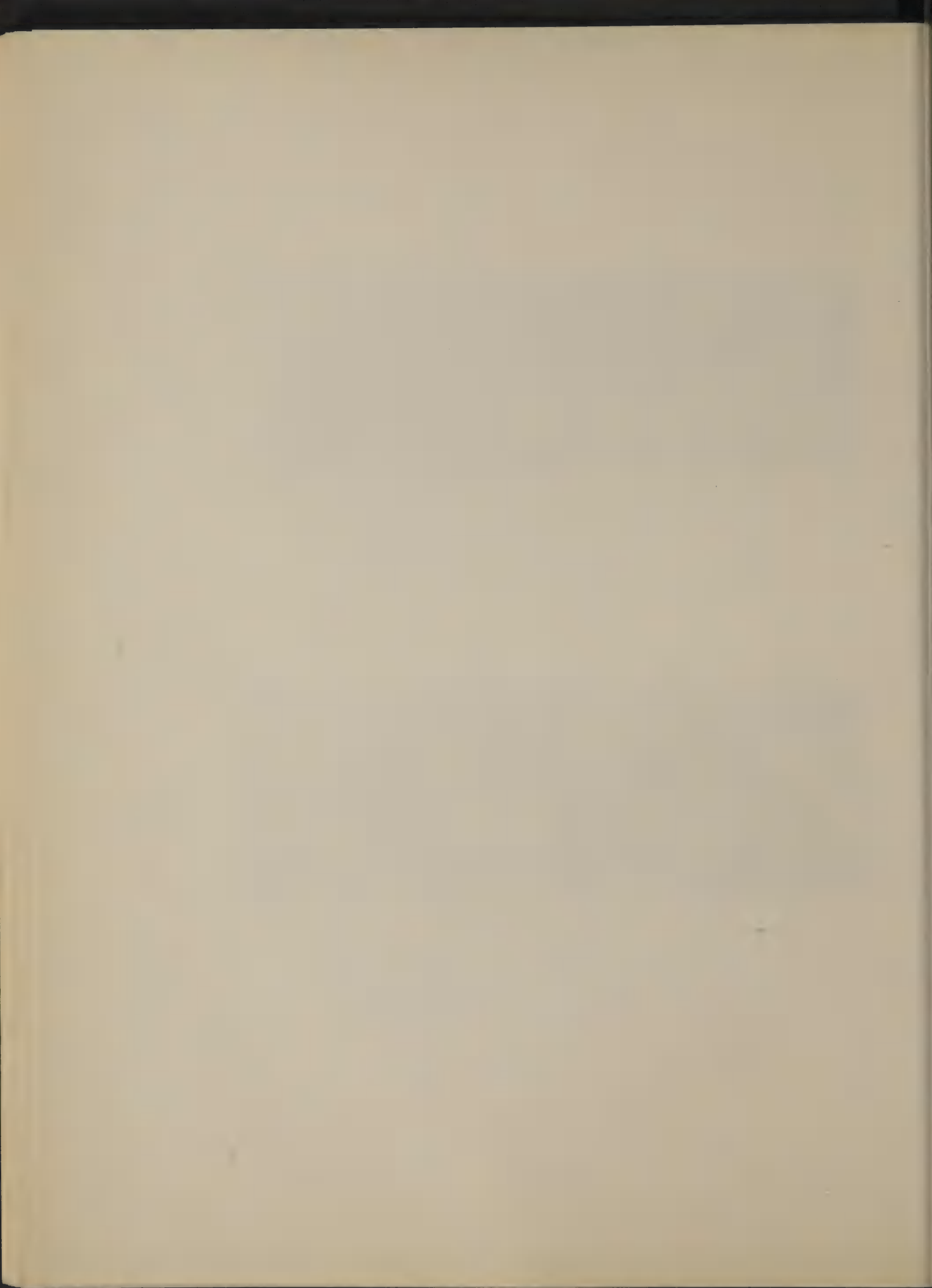
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First Row-Sylvia Nowels; Shirley Growcock; Jack Gaby; Jack Hastreiter; Walter Loos; Alfred Bowser; Garvel Acres; Tom Walburn; Eddie Schermerhorn; Maynard Gray; Jack Franks; Charles Biddle. Second Row-Mrs. Johnson; Barbara Faux; Isaac Sutton; John Sturgis; Tom Brown; Delbert Hile; Orson Moore; Ray Ott; Kerwin Chapman; Myron Chaldwell; Third Row-Michael France; Jerry Needham; Lois Frederick; Juanita Nott; Beverly Runyan; Barbara Criswell; Delores Tatman; Patricia McClellan; Sally Kilmore; Dorothy Holsinger.



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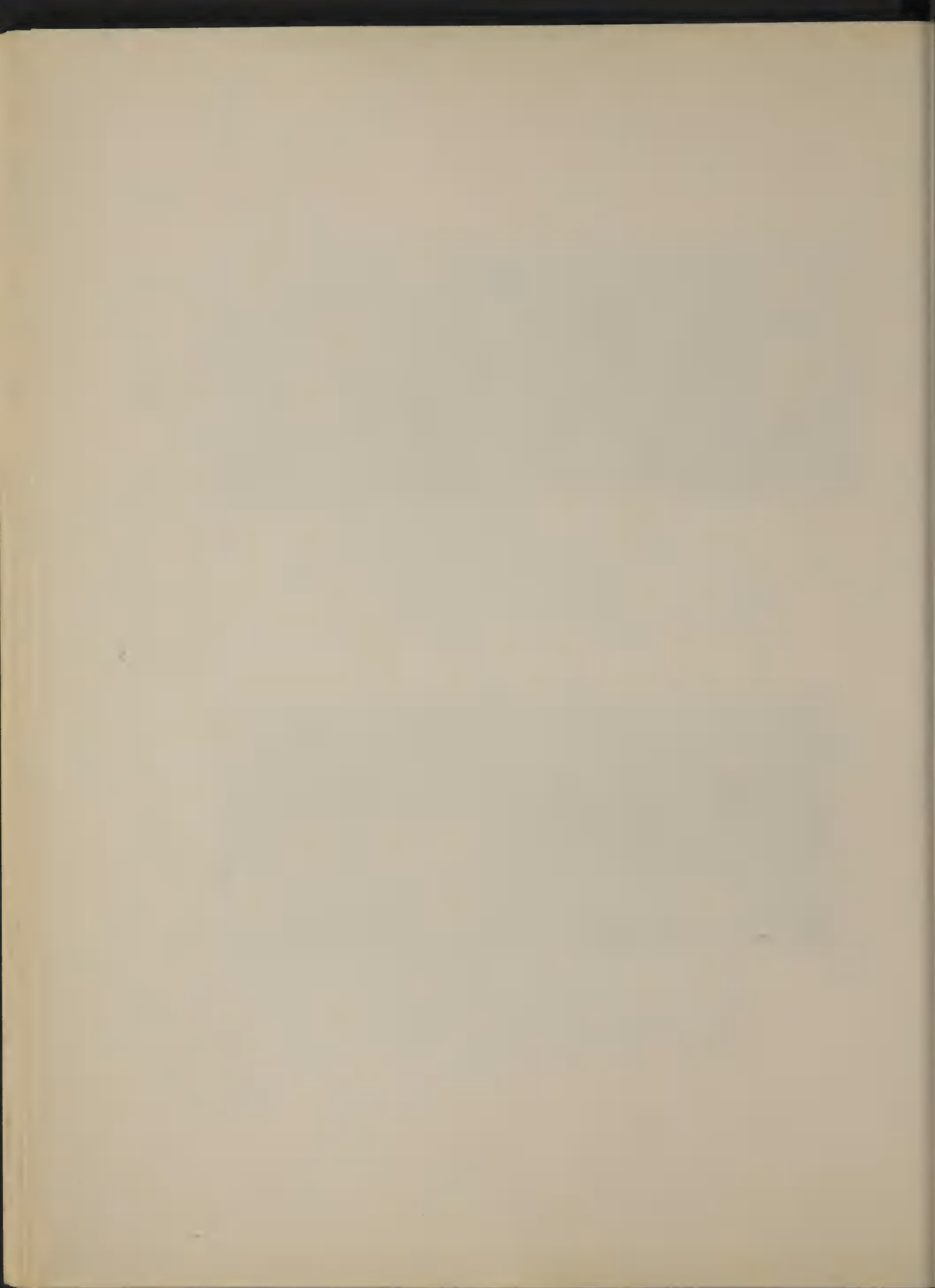
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First Row-Phillip Stewart; Janet Poyser; Marie Kitchen; Joyce Emerson; Patty Walburn; Rose Marie Runyan; Shirley Frich; LeVone Blough; Larry Feightner; Raymond Miller; Lowell Trowbridge; Robert Biddle. Second Row-Mrs. Cureton; Beverly Weible; William Tatman; Danny Zimmerman; Norma Ballard; Carolyn Sleeper; Martha Jo Gersee; Carolyn Cook; Phyllis Muller; Herman Moore; Trevor Sutton. Third Row-Richard Stewart; John Dauenhauer; Robert Eash; Eugene Meibers; Lynn Van Halst; Fred Criswell; Harry DeRemer; Linda Lou Schermerhorn; Joan Hastreiter; Mary Hiatt.



3

First Row-Barbara Rice; Jimmie Faux; Sue Holsinger; Sue Ann Rowe; Patrick Patterson; Lauorna Kimmel; Nancy Growcock; Barbara Huth; Sharon Wood; Jerry Ramm; Cleo DeRemer; Second Row-Mrs. Ward; David Pray; Jimmie Brown; Dairl Acres; Sarah France; Barbara Lundy; Carol Manning; Linda Leitz; James Rowe; Marilyn Kitchen; Billie Hall. Third Row-David Kilgore; Richard Hulen; Suzanne Ackerman; Sally Sedgwick; Gloria Harp; Eugene Mowery; Billy Caldwell; Eddie Bortner; George Speakman.





2

First Row-Sharon Frick; Darlyn Shelvis; Jimmy Walburn; Delbert Bowman; Kathleen Dauenhauer; Johnny Faux; Laurence Emerson; Johnny Holsinger; Loretta Stewart; Cynthia Nowels. Second Row-Dick Donat; Judy Frick; Robert Hoffman; Harold Hammel; Ruth Ann Hass; Lorraine McClelland; Jo Ann Chapman; Jimmy Growcock. Third Row-Carl Flint; Albert Thea; Roger Hague; Jack Rowe; Carlos Acres; Gale Brown; Tommy Criswell; Alvin Donley; Delmar Richmond.



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First Row-Rob Roy Glass; Marion Wiedeman; Mary Krull; Lucy Hague; Bonnie Potee; Phyllis Kimmel; Barbara Feightner; Kathleen France; Shirley Hamilton; Jerry Gray; Ben Stewart; Marceil Kitchen. Second Row-Steven Wert; Ford Frick; Karen Holsinger; Anna Hamilton; Florence Lundy; Joyce Miller; Jerry Stewart; Roger Schermerhorn; Mary Weible. Third Row-Mrs. Loetz; Nancy Kilgore; Wallace Sherritt; Rex Miller; Dean Huth; George Dauenhauer; Larry Van Pelt; Orland Blaising; Larry Bortner; Ralph Ackerman; Franklin Stenner; James Clemans; Joseph Hastrieter.





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YELL LEADERS



Retta Hulen; June Schell; Katherine Hulen.

SCHOOL SONG

On, Rome City, On, Rome City.
We must win this game.
Valiant ever, all together,
Hail to her dear name.
Rah! Rah! Rah!
On, Rome City, On, Rome City.
Fight for blue and white.
Plunge on to victory and
Fight! Fight! Fight!





LEE PERRY

The game of basketball is in most cases, like the game of life. It takes good hard work and training before you are able to succeed in either. It is impossible to go into either in a slipshod manner, and be a consistent winner. It is impossible, however, no matter how much zeal is put forth, to be really successful in the game of basketball or life in a short time. It takes months and years of hard work and training. We will have our ups and down, our moments of victory and defeat, days of blue skies and days of clouds. In all cases get your mind off the latter and think of the sunny tomorrow. It takes a dreamer in both of these games. Don't be content, however, to just dream. Do something about it, make your dreams a reality.

WAYNE SHULL

Wayne Shull, the student manager of the Rome City Romans, will be able to help out as student manager for the next two years as he is a Sophomore this year.

This year Wayne tried out for Student Manager and was appointed by Mr. Perry. He proved himself very valuable to the coach and players during the year with his consistent help and usefulness.





FIRST TEAM



First Row- Lee Perry, Coach; Virgil McDonald; Eddie Linthicum;
Jerry Racht; John Biddle; Claude Hoffman; Wayne Shull; Student Mgr.
Second Row-William Schell; Donald Trowbridge; Richard Barkley;
Paul Hosted; Russell Ramer; Robert Conley.

The athletic department at Rome City has been on a rampage since the arrival of Lee Perry as head coach. Coach Perry has put a winning combination on the floor more times this year than any of the last three years and the season is far from completed. Coach Perry, however, has had loads of help from the team. Eight of his first ten were on the first ten last year. The two newcomers are Paul Hosted, a junior who plays either forward or center and Claude Hoffman a sophomore who plays at a guard spot. The team, although having a very successful season, lacks height, having an average of less than 5' 10". All the boys have had previous experience on either the first or second team. The usual starting line-up consists of Jerry Racht and Bill Schell at guards, Russell Ramer and Bob Conley at forwards, and Dick Barkley at center. This year the reserves have seen considerable action. They are: Don Trowbridge f, c; Paul Hosted f, c; Ed Linthicum g, f; Virgil McDonald g, f; and Claude Hoffman g, f. As the captain is elected at the end of the season it is impossible to name him. The acting captain, however, is Bill Schell.

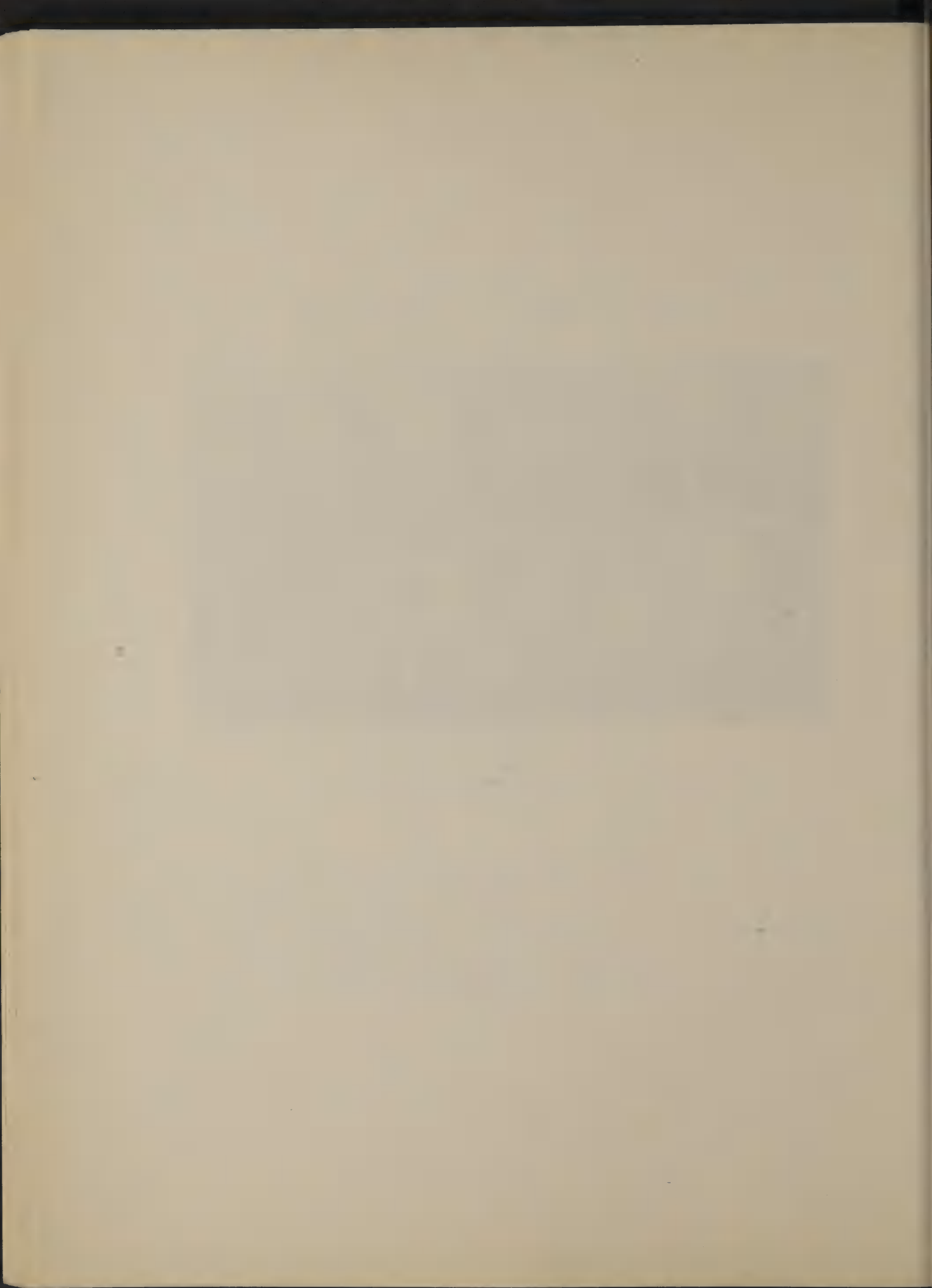


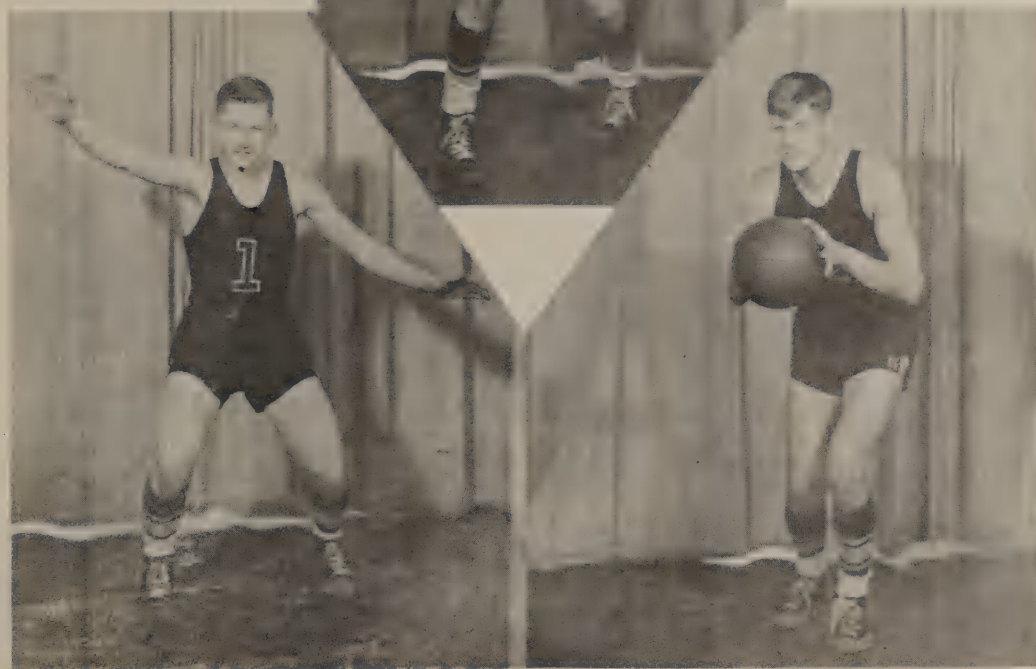
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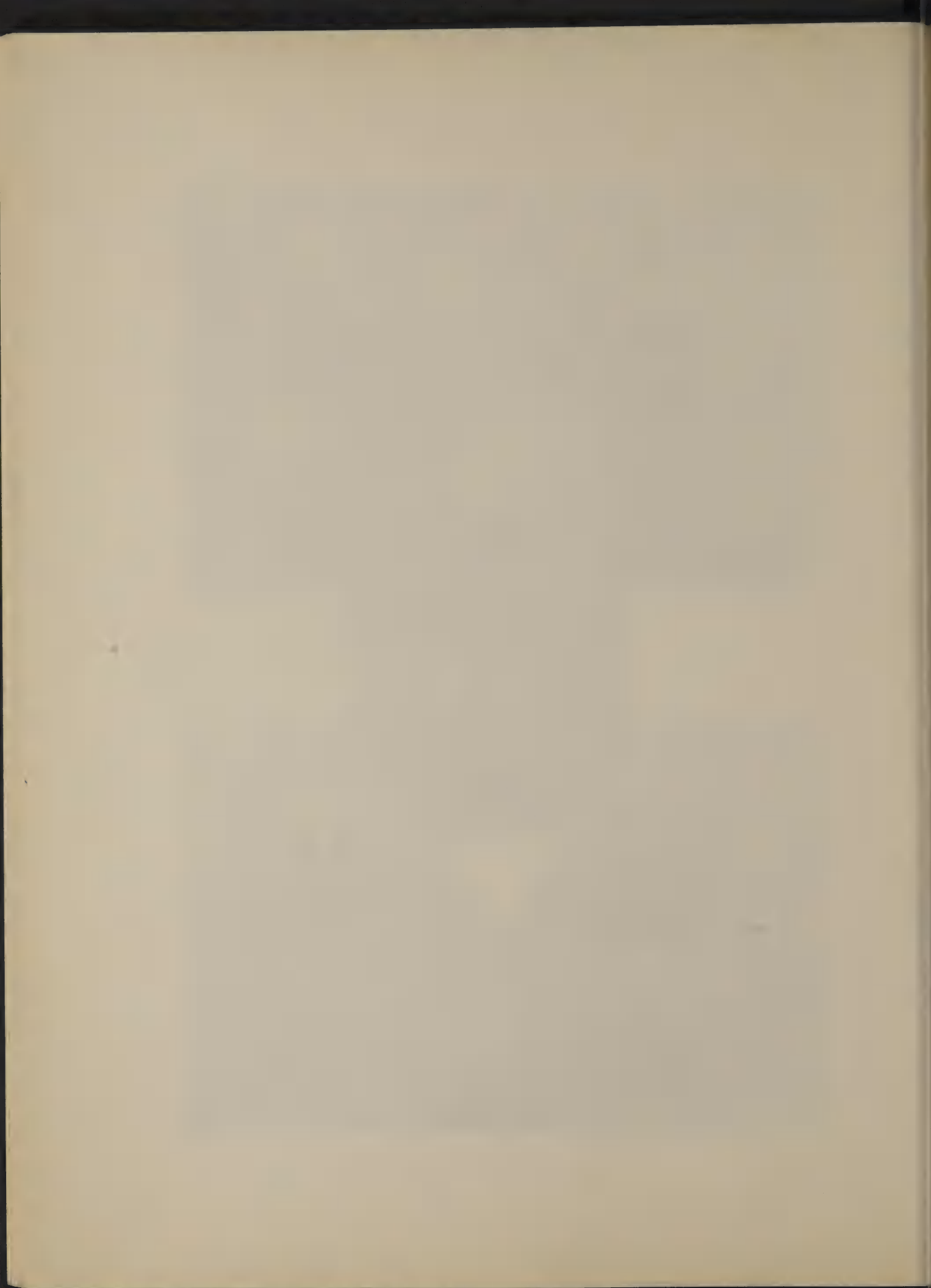


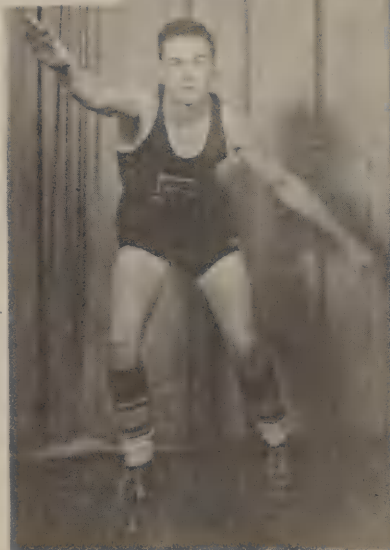
First Row-Virgil Hiatt; Lynn Van Aman; Bernard Chapman; Kenneth Ryan; Larry Van Aman; Jack Smith; Richard Rabbitt; Second Row-Jack Edmonds; Edward Sattler; Everett Pardue; Donald Havert; Max Miller; Jon Baker.

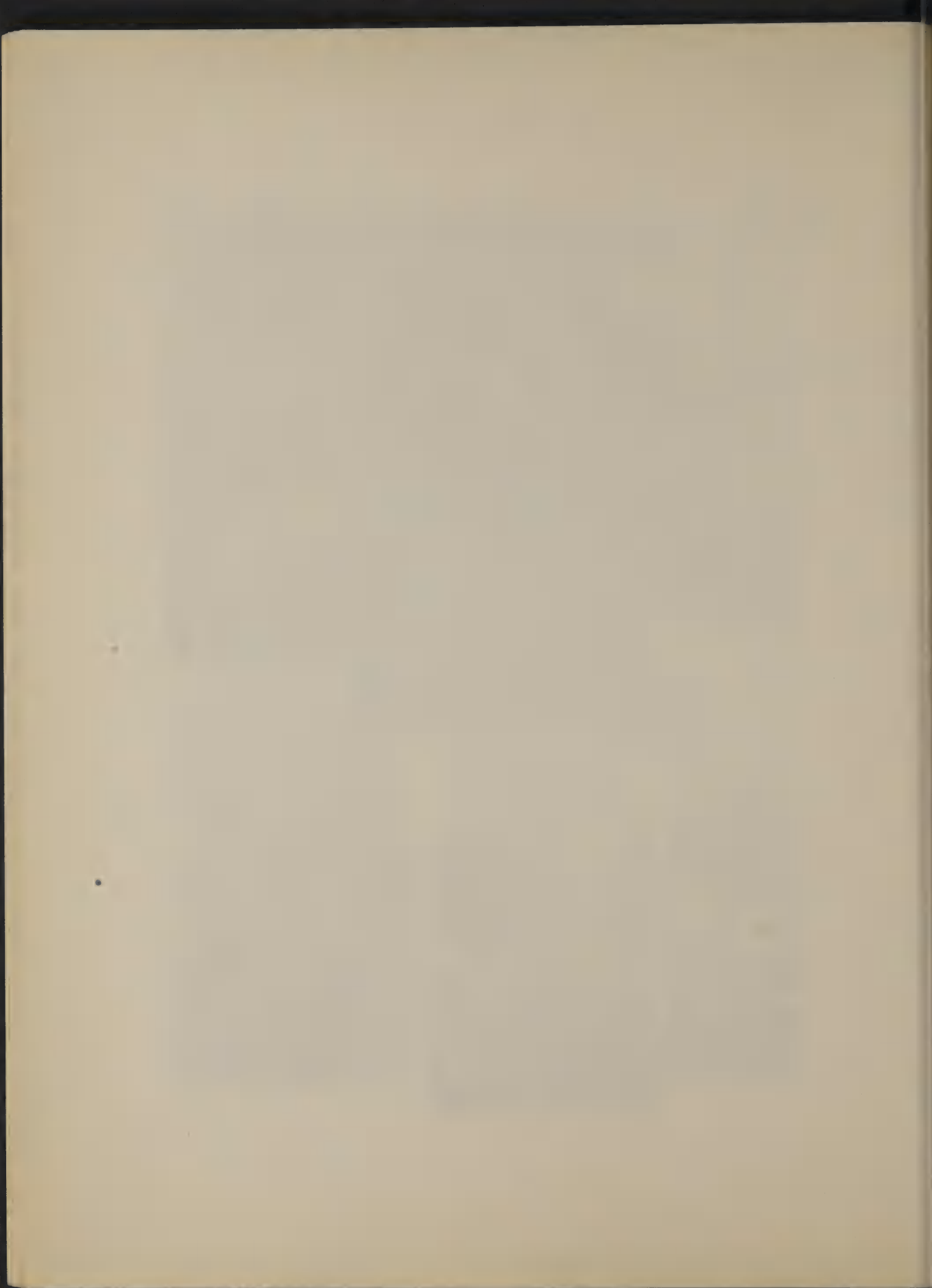
The Jr. Romans have been boiling since the arrival of the new coach, too. Having an abundance of height for a second team, they have won 6 of 13 starts. The team averages about 5' 11" in height. The starters are usually Don Havert and Dick Rabbit at guards, Jack Edmonds and John Biddle at forwards and Ed Sattler at center. The reserves are Virgil Hiatt f, g; Bernard Chapman f; Max Miller c; Forest Feightner f; Larry Van Aman f, g; Kenny Ryan f, g; Jon Baker g; and Jack Smith f.











BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Rome City	25	-----	La Grange	23
Rome City	26	-----	Cromwell	53
Rome City	26	-----	Wawaka	40
Rome City	18	-----	Lima	49
Rome City	50	-----	Scott Center	13
Rome City	56	-----	Topeka	29
Rome City	32	-----	County Tourney	-----
Rome City	48	-----	Avilla	36
Rome City	31	-----	Wolf Lake	45
Rome City	23	-----	Wolcottville	30
Rome City	21	-----	Avilla	34
Rome City	20	-----	Albion	29
Rome City	37	-----	Fremont	31
Rome City	17	-----	Scott	30
Rome City	---	-----	Ligonier	48
Rome City	---	-----	Brighton	---
Rome City	---	-----	Ashley	---
Sectional Tourney				

Rome City	14	-----	La Grange	28
Rome City	24	-----	Cromwell	20
Rome City	19	-----	Wawaka	21
Rome City	14	-----	Lima	18
Rome City	31	-----	Scott Center	14
Rome City	42	-----	Topeka	18
Rome City	25	-----	Wolf Lake	32
Rome City	13	-----	Wolcottville	16
Rome City	20	-----	Avilla	24
Rome City	15	-----	Albion	18
Rome City	27	-----	Fresh. & Soph. Tourney	-----
Rome City	15	-----	Wawaka	10
Rome City	25	-----	Kendallville	19
Rome City	25	-----	Fremont	9
Rome City	17	-----	Ligonier	38
Rome City	---	-----	Brighton	---
Rome City	---	-----	Ashley	---



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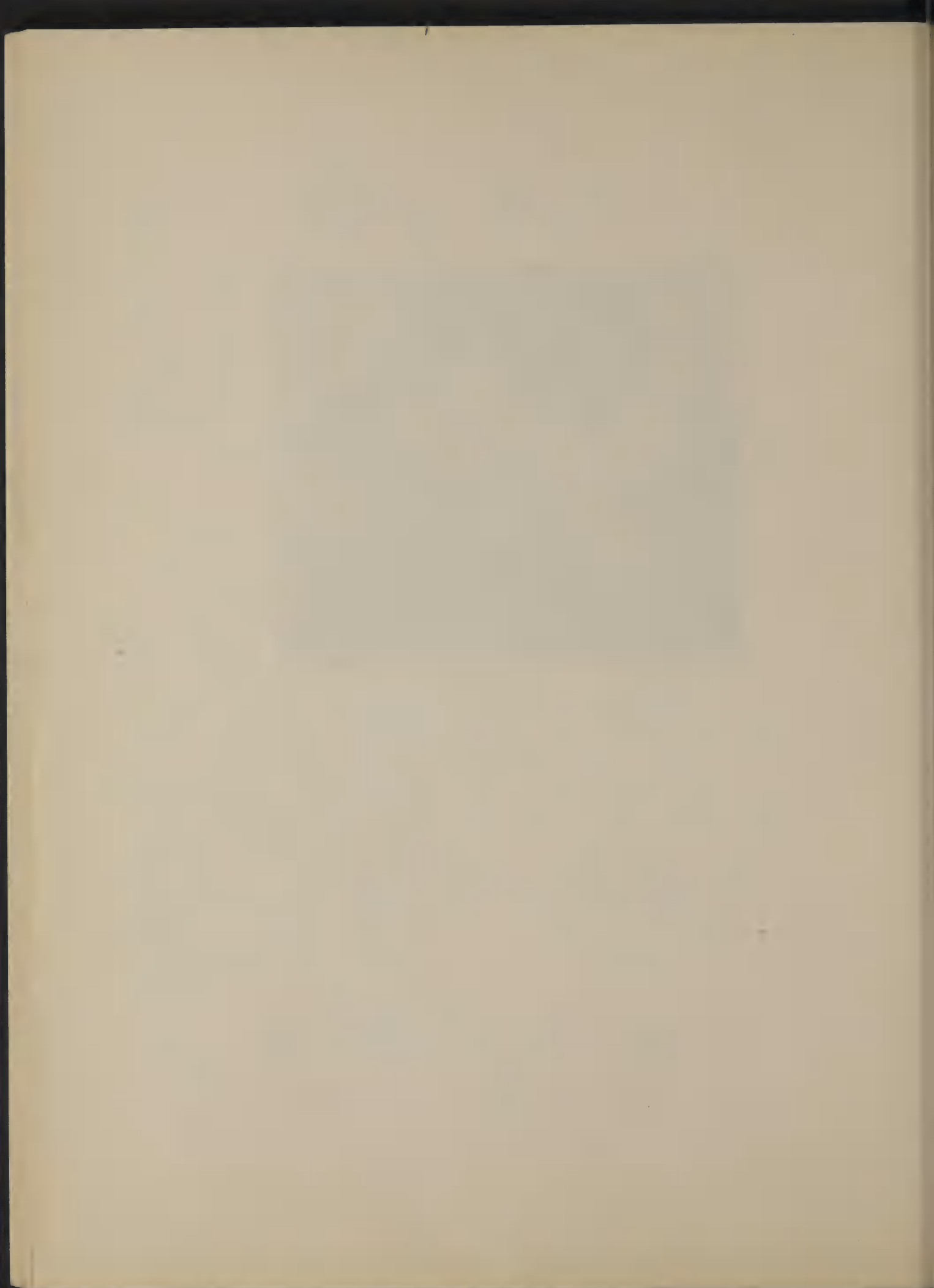
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We appreciate the effort of all those who helped make this annual possible. We also wish to extend our gratitude to the members of the faculty and the many people who have worked to make our project a success.

The class of '47' hopes that this the fifth edition of the *Gladiator* is the best ever produced at Rome City High School.

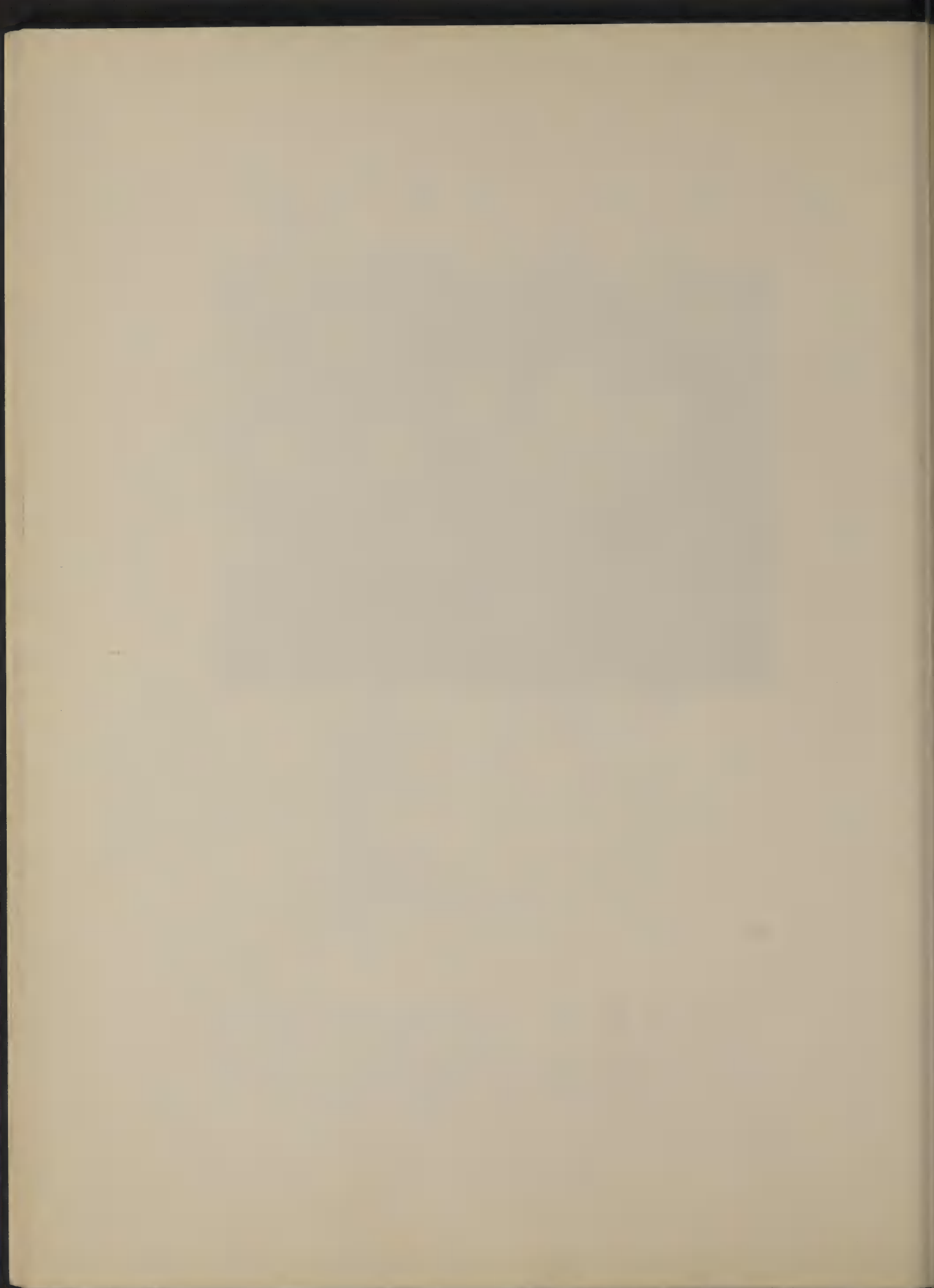


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The Keyhole, Rome City's school paper, has been very successful this year with Richard Barkley as Editor. The Juniors as well as the Seniors help to get material to be typed and then it is typed by the advanced typing class. Each month they make about 275 copies, and one copy is sent to each school around this community. The Keyhole is a monthly publication which is enjoyed by all.



Y-TEEN



First Row-Honey Jean Shelvis; Marjorie Snooks; Mary Jo Growcock; Alice Krotzer; Roberta Eckhart; Donna Sturgis; Amy May Whetzel; Joyce Schwarz; Ellen McClure; Virginia Franks. Second Row-Hope DeRemer; June Frederick; Doris Donat; Betty Knott; Retta Hulen; Esther Lehman; Phyllis Racht; Betty Kimmel. Third Row-Donna Murphy; Anita Flint; Catherine Spillner; Marceda Munk; Carol Gaby; June Schell; Katherine Hulen; Patricia Bowser; Betty Treesh; Sally Donat.

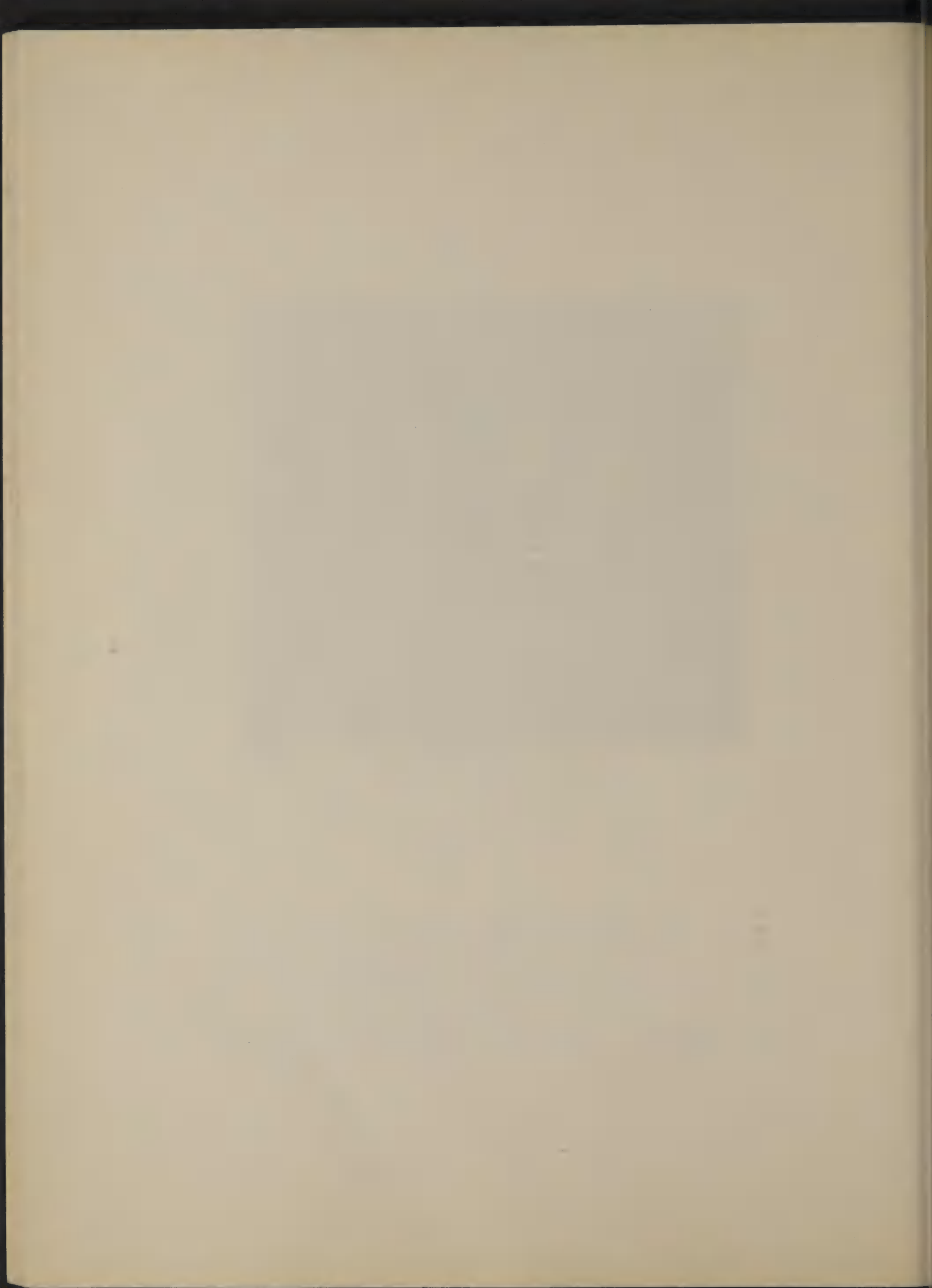
The Y-Teen was first organized this year at the suggestion of Mr. Ward, then when organized Miss Rosalee Moore was made Director. At the first meeting the following officers were elected: President, Amy Whetzel; Vice President, Donna Sturgis; Treasurer, Roberta Eckhart; Song Leader, June Schell and Reporter, Mary Jo Growcock. Meetings were held every other Tuesday evening at the school, where business was discussed and games and refreshments were enjoyed by all. For activities, cakes were baked and were raffled off at ball games and also pop corn and potato chips were sold. The Y-Teen has been very successful for their first year as a teen-age girl's club.

F.F.A.



First Row-Homer Feightner; Gerald Amerman; Donald Trowbridge; Jack Edmonds; Ivan Malone; Second Row-Jay Criswell; Max Rhea; Mr. Emerson, Advisor; Paul Hosted; Third Row-Robert Sleeper; Richard Rabbitt; Claude Hoffman; John Chapman; Marlowe Blough; Forest Feightner; Richard Taylor; Melvin Marshall.

This organization was formed to promote better farming throughout the community. The officers for this year are President, Don Trowbridge; Vice President, Gerald Amerman; Secretary, Homer Feightner; Treasurer, Jack Edmonds; Reporter, Ivan Malone; Watch Dog, Jay Criswell; and their advisor Mr. Allen Emerson. Some of their activities are judging and demonstrating. They also make money by selling food at ball games and noon hours. They have been very successful in their organization.

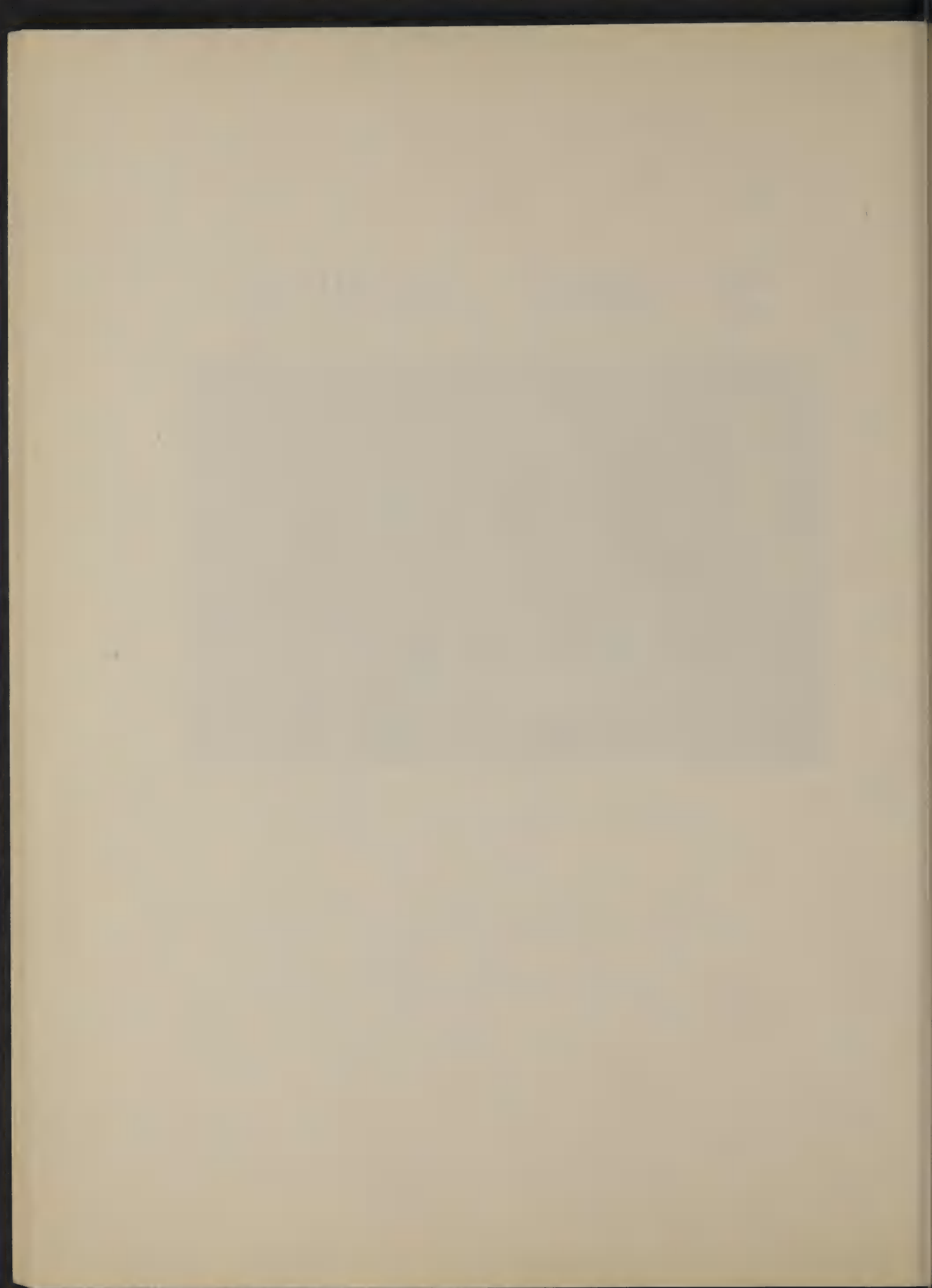


STUDENT COUNCIL



First Row-Patricia Kilgore; Roberta Eckhart; Retta Hulen; Anita Flint; Amy Whetzel; Carol Gaby; Second Row-Virginia Sedgwick; Delores Manning; Robert Conley; Jack Smith; Jack Ward. Third Row-Ralph Knott; Donald Trowbridge; Jack Edmonds; William Schell.

The Student Council is an organization elected to improve the school. There are sixteen members in the Student Council with William Schell as president. Each member is elected by his or her class. This year the Student Council has put on Assembly Programs and sponsored the Christmas Play. It has also tried to improve the behavior of the students at the ball games.

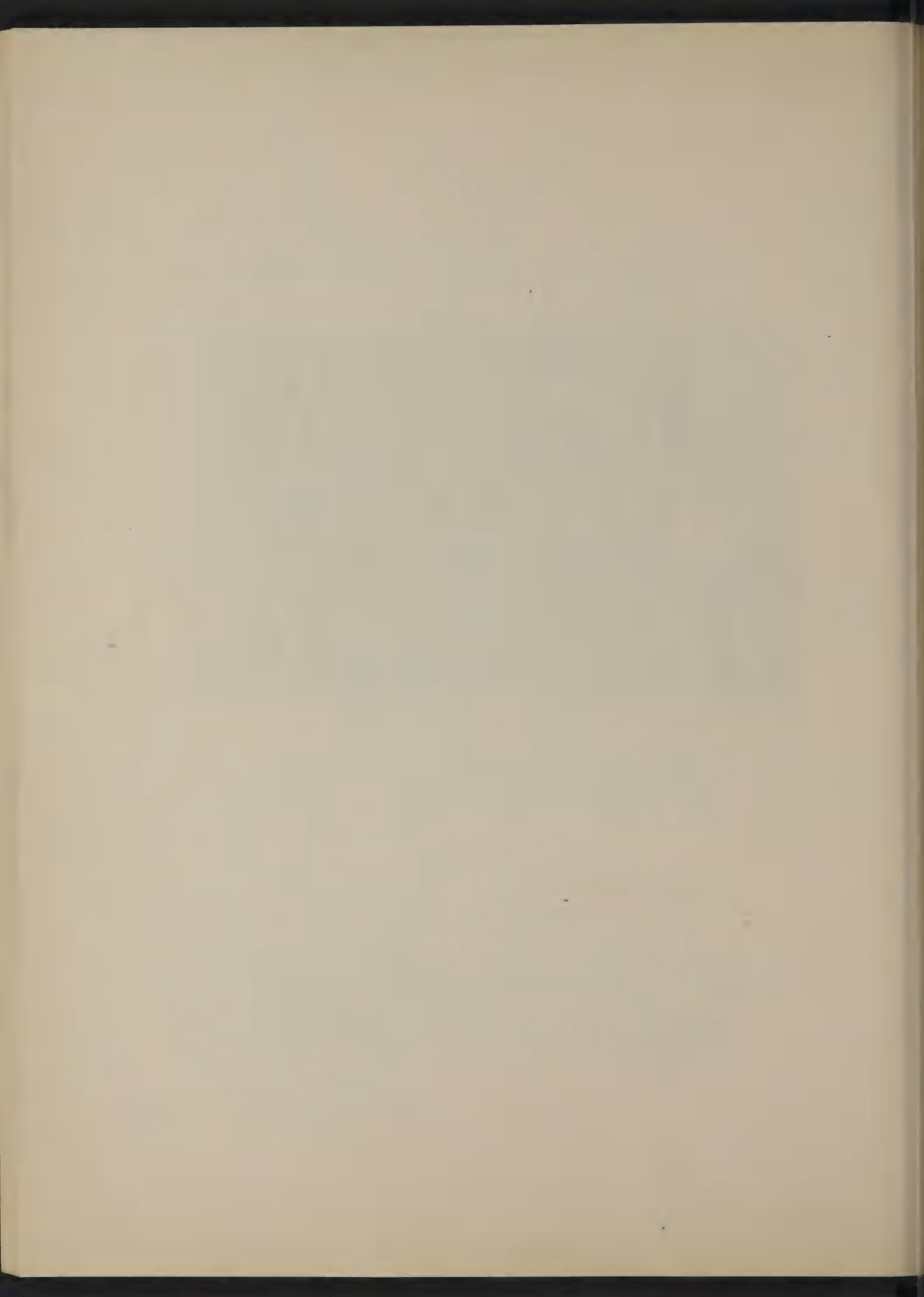


GIRLS' GLEE CLUB



First Row-Betty Snook; Betty Knott; Patricia Bowser; Retta Hulen; Esther Lehman; Anita Flint; Betty Kimmel; Honey Jean Shelvis; Beverly Stenner; Sally Donat. Second Row-Robert Barr, Director; Joan Julian; Marjorie Snooks; Mary Jo Growcock; Betty Treesh; Edith Cook; June Schell; Katherine Hulen; Hope DeRemer; Joyce Schwarz. Third Row-Virginia Sedgwick; Inez Cook; Doris Smith; Marceda Munk; Carol Gaby; Catherine Spillner; Phyllis Racht; Virginia Franks.

The Girls' Glee Club consists of girls from the ninth to twelfth grades. They have made several public appearances. Their work this year is much different but just as enjoyable as last year. They have been singing three part arrangements of Italian Street Song, Mah Lindy Lou, Sym-pathy, and many others.

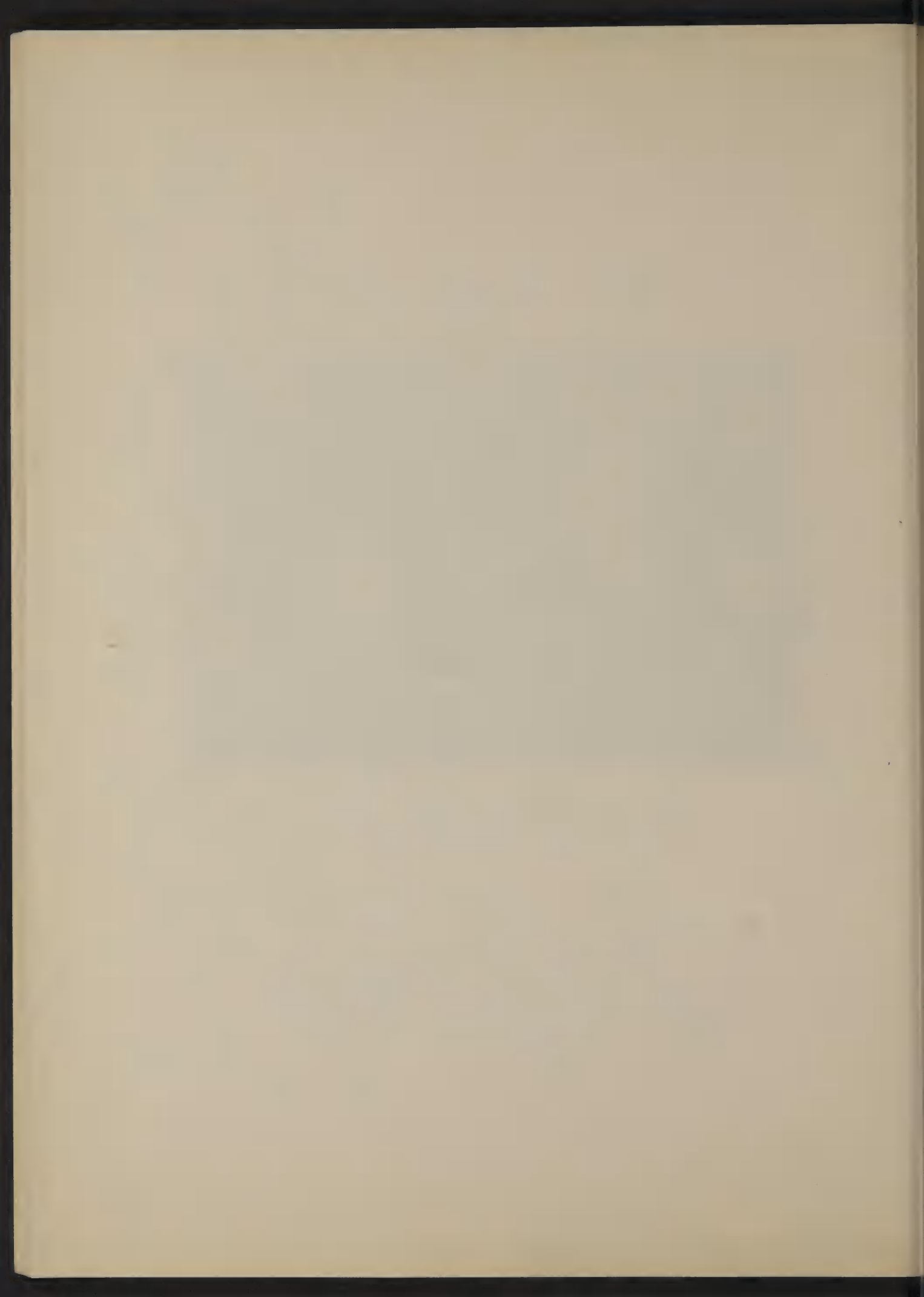


BOYS' GLEE CLUB



First Row-Robert Sleeper; Robert Browning; Jon Baker;
Robert Barr, Director; Shirley Jacoby; Jay Criswell;
Second Row-Max Rhea; Richard Barkley; Everett Pardue;
Donald Trowbridge; Max Miller; Alvin Potee.

The boys' Glee Club is rather a new organization but is off to a good start with its new leader, Mr. Barr. The boys are singing mostly southern songs. They are sincerely interested in their work and improving their tone quality and sight reading. Many of their songs are simple and melodious which are suitable for this development. The group is a small one with only eleven members, but in another year should increase greatly.



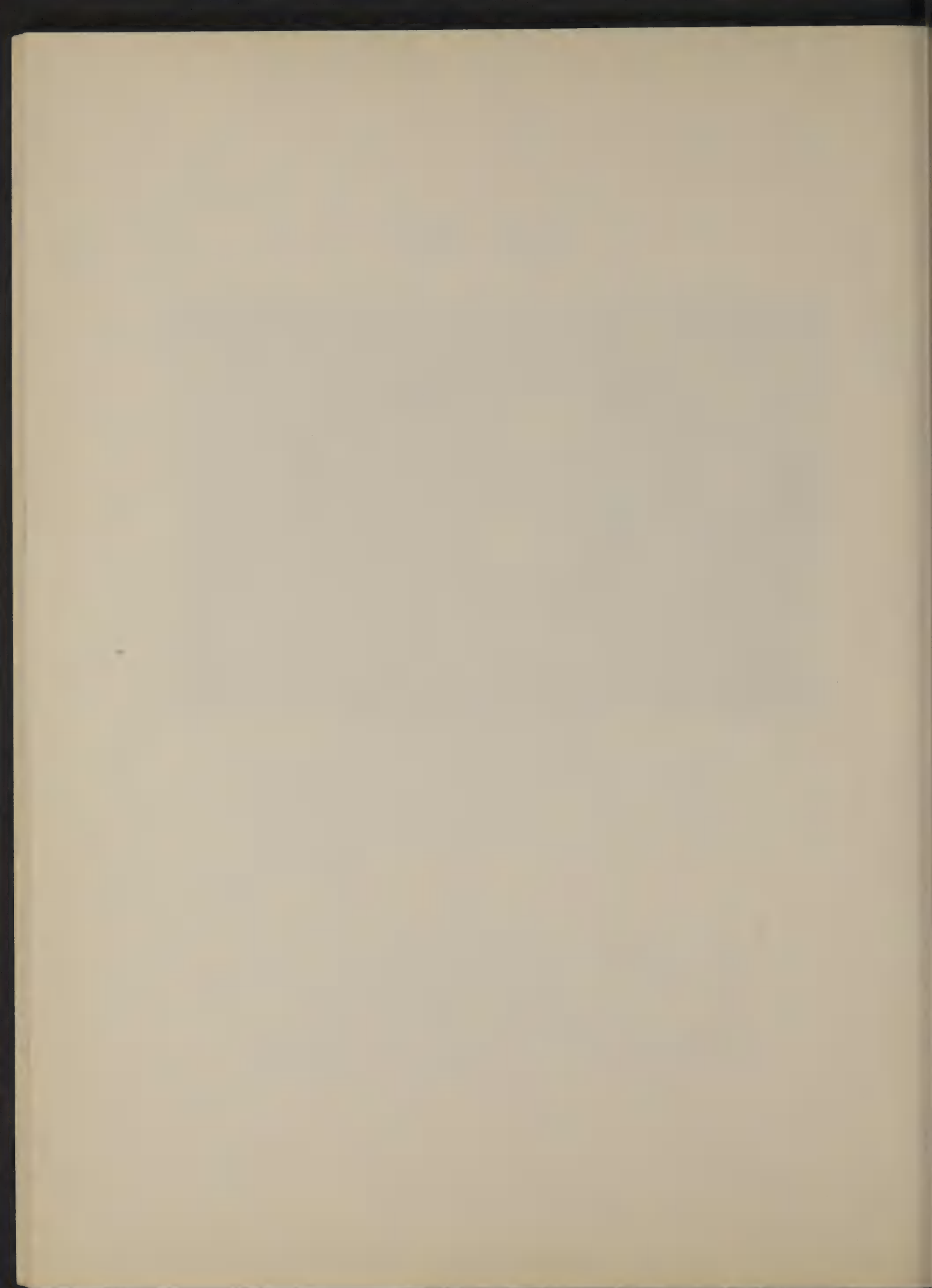
CHOIR



First Row-Joan Julian; Betty Knott; Patricia Bowser; Edith Cook; Retta Hulen; Anita Flint; Betty Kimmel; Honey Jean Shelvis; Sally Donat; Joyce Schwarz; Second Row-Robert Barr, Director; Kenneth Ryan; Ivan Malone; William Schell; Alta Moore; Marjorie Snooks; Mary Jo Growcock; Esther Lehman; Betty Treesh; June Schell; Katherine Hulen; Hope DeRemer; Carol Gaby; Marceda Munk; Robert Sleeper; Third Row-Richard Barkley; Donald Trowbridge; Everett Pardue; Alvin Potee; Inez Cook; Doris Smith; Catherine Spillner; Phyllis Racht; Virginia Franks; Robert Browning; Shirley Jacoby; Jon Baker.

This organization is five years old and was originally started by Elizabeth (Wolfe) Phend. Last year was their first trip to state contest and they came home with second place honors. Also, last year, they produced a minstrel show which was presented four times.

This year, our director, Robert Barr is carrying on the traditional Christmas caroling, spring concert and many other programs. We have thirty-six members enrolled in choir.



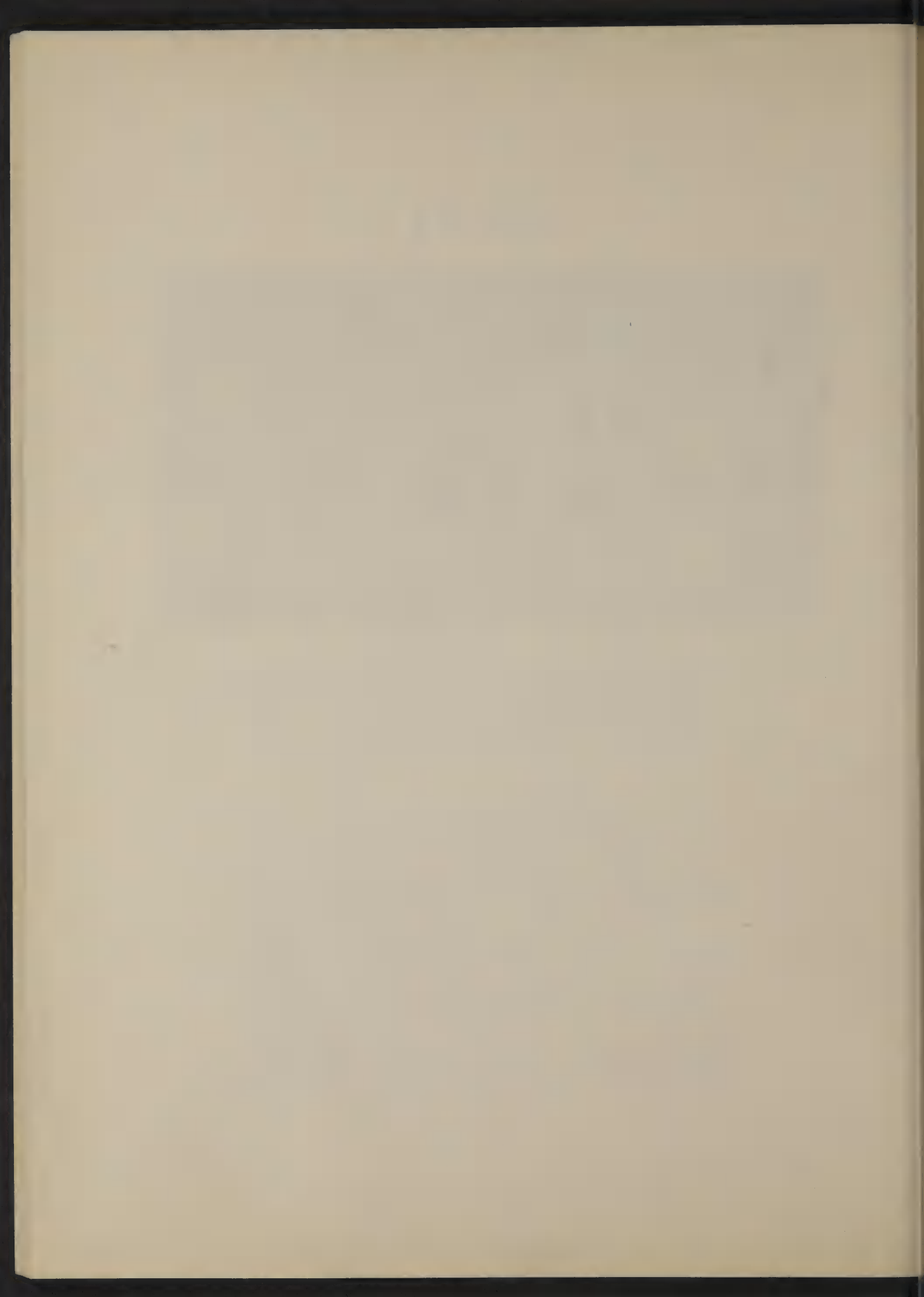
BAND



Majorettes- Kneeling-Ellen McClure; Dorothy Ramer; Virginia Franks;
 Standing-Mary Biddle; Donna Sturgis; Robert Barr; Director; June Schell;
 Edith Cook. Band Members-Seated-Paul Hosted; Ivan Malone; Claude
 Hoffman; Jack Smith; William Schell, Jerry Racht; Carol Gaby; Robert
 Eckhart; Amy Whetzel; James Fipp; Tony Adams; Shirley Jacoby; Jon Baker;
 Kenneth Ryan; Standing-Jean Emerson; Jack Ward; George Fipp; Wayne
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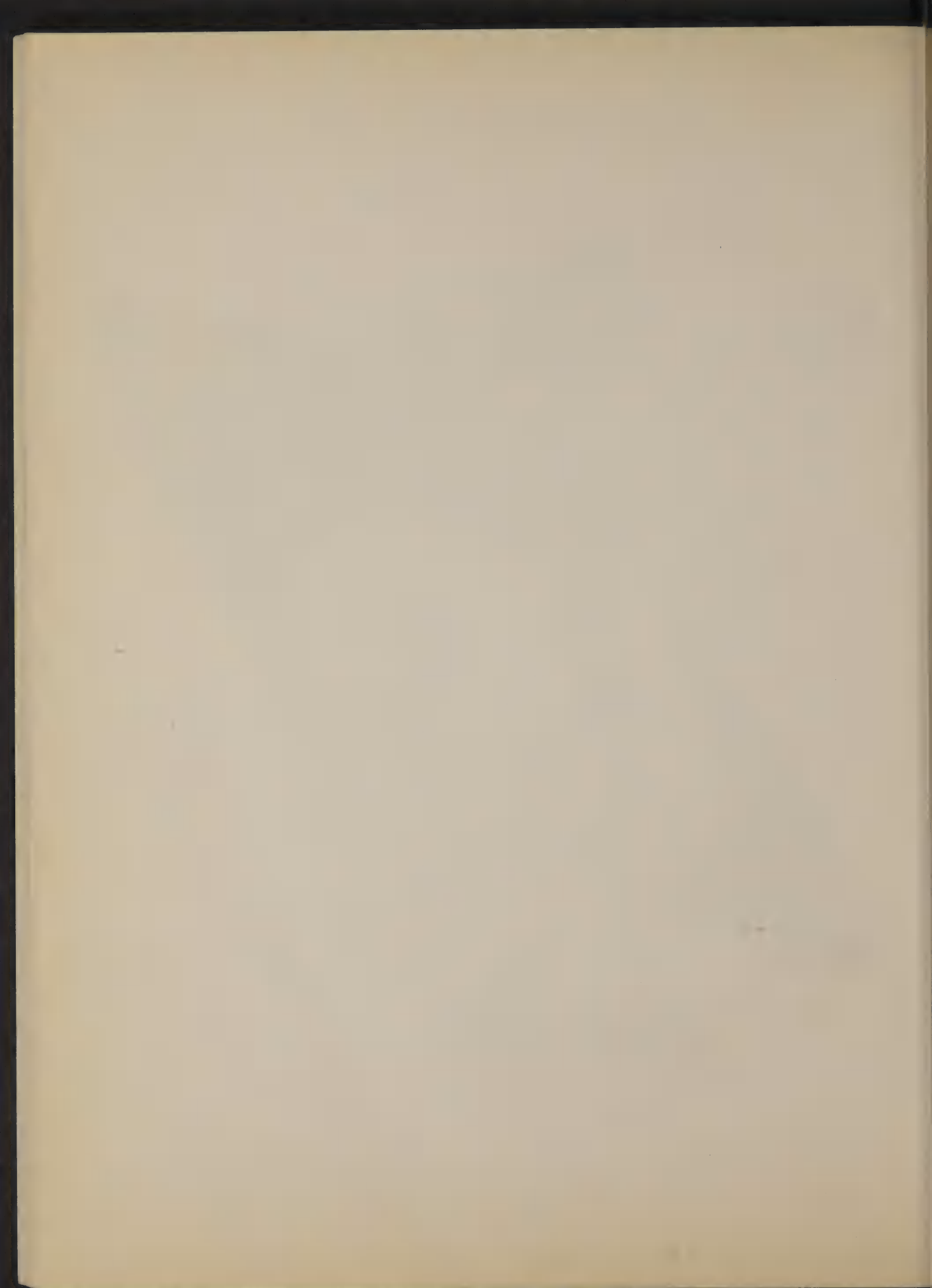
Capably directed by the new band director, Mr. Robert Barr, the Rome City Band has filled the past year of activity with achievements and honors. The work of the experienced players plus that of the new members has helped to make the year a successful one. For the past seven years the Band has lent spirit and pep to our basketball games both by playing our school song, and by playing our school marches during intermissions. The Band marched at most of the ball games this year, and the Flag Twirlers and Baton Twirlers performed.

The Seniors spending their last year in the Band are; Bill Schell, Clarinet; Amy Whetzel, Melophone; Carol Gaby, Flute; Richard Barkley, and Marceda Munk, Cornets; Shirley Jacoby, Baritone; Ted Cureton, Everett Pardue, Drums; Donna Sturgis, Mary Biddle, Flag Twirlers; and Ellen McClure, Virginia Franks; Baton Twirlers.

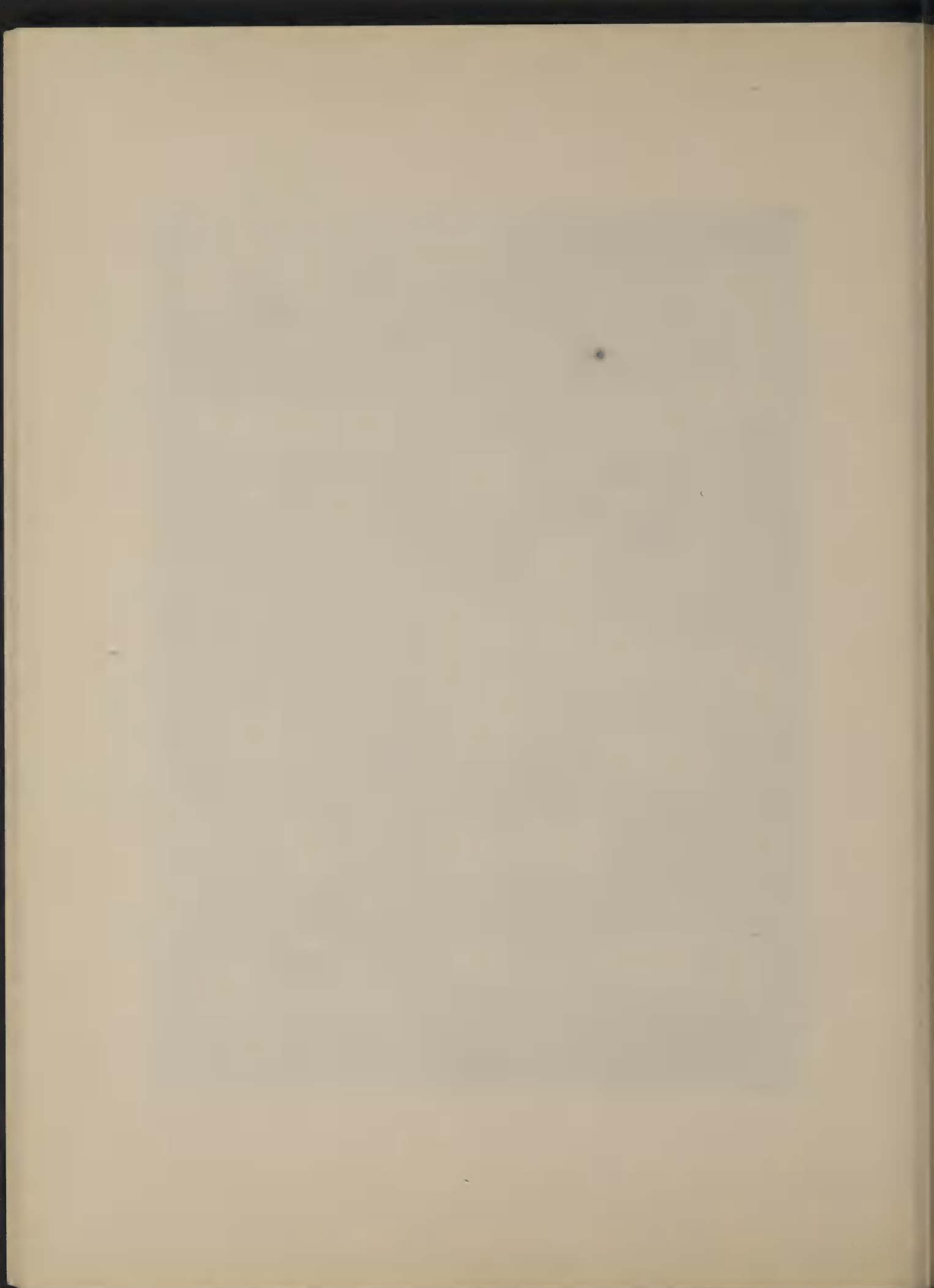




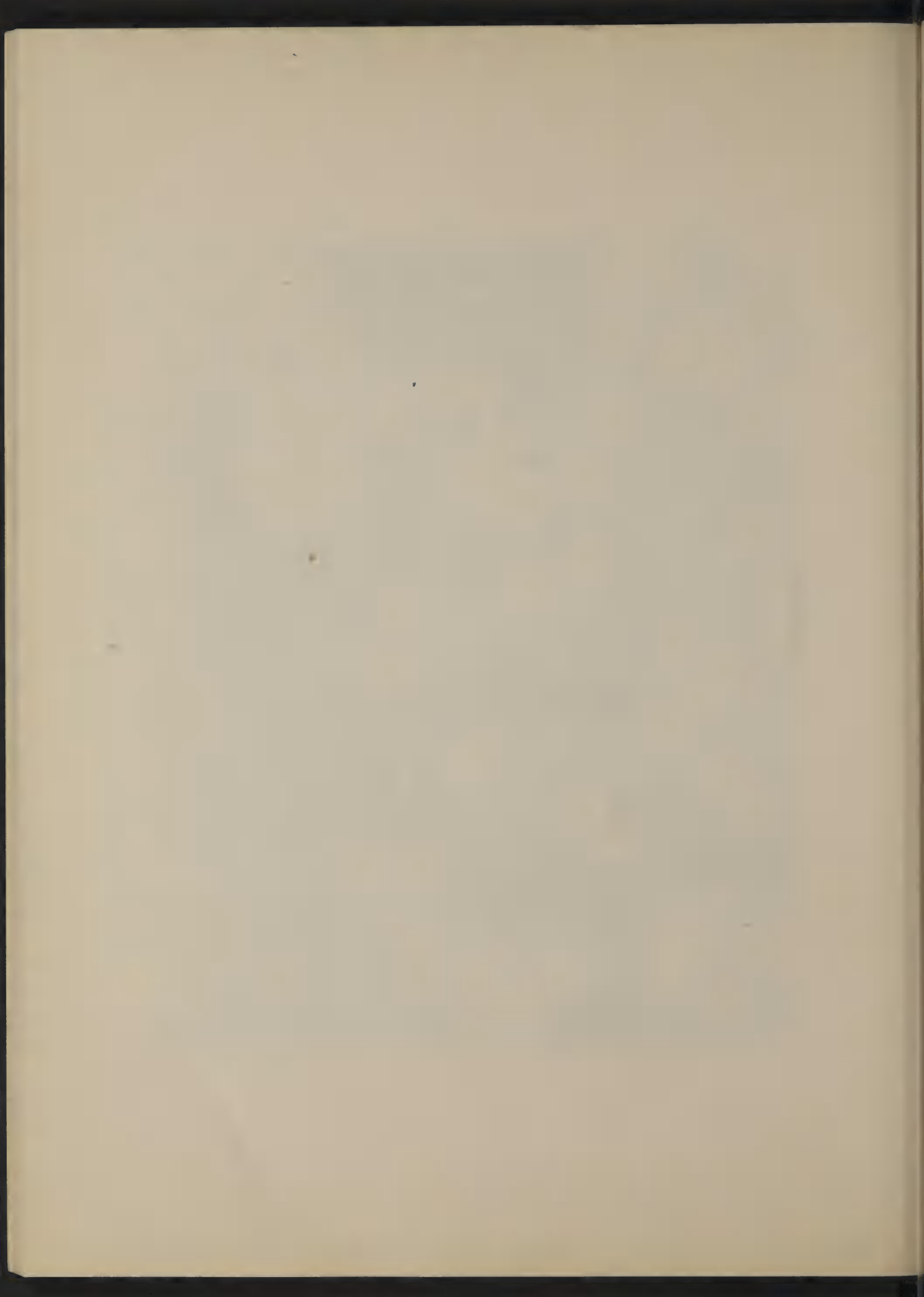
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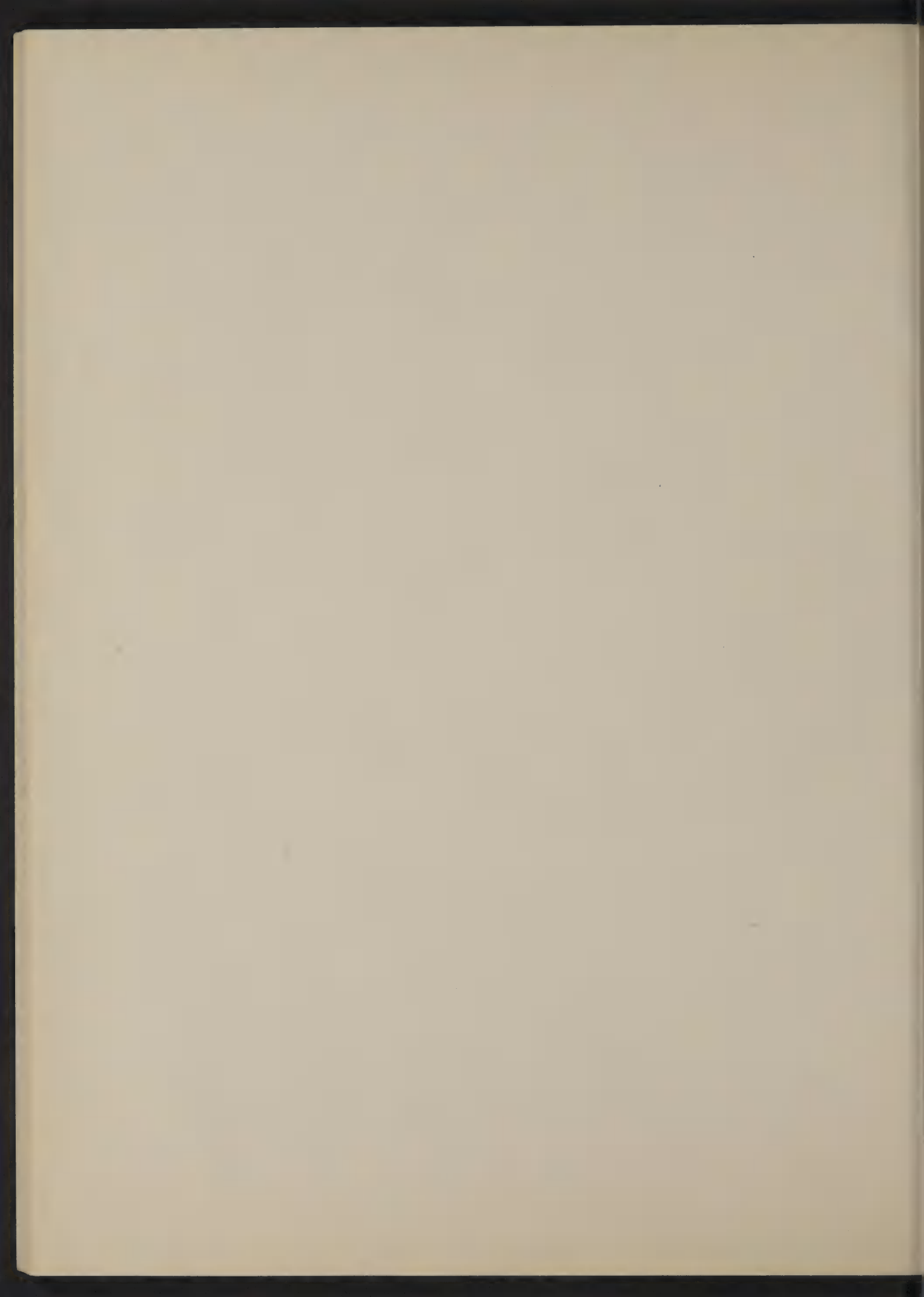




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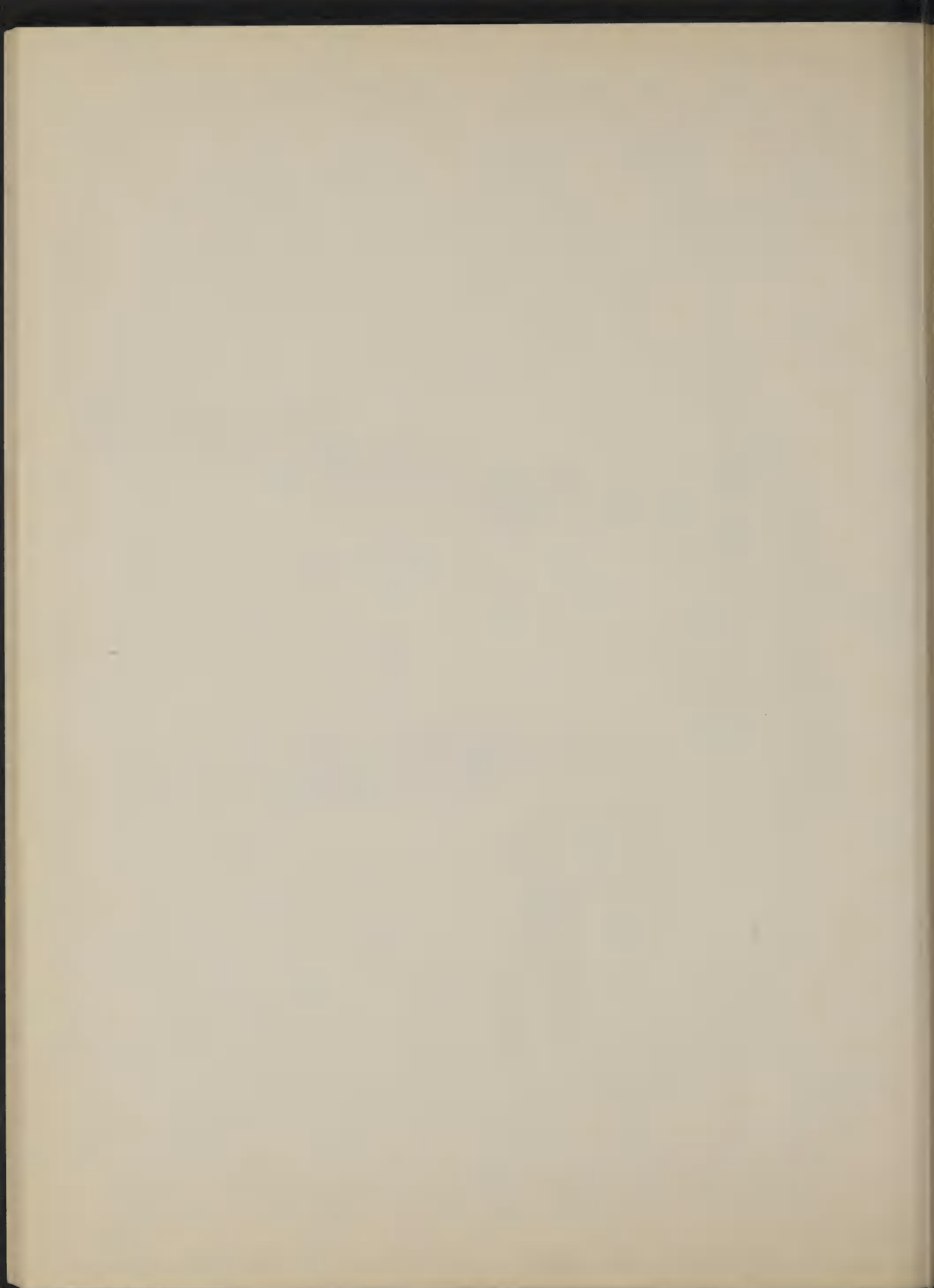








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